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Army's humiliation threatens Yeltsin



Yeltsin: Public opinion against Grozny attack

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

CHECHEN separatist fighters yesterday claimed they had repulsed a three-day offensive against the capital Grozny after Russian forces became bogged down in heavy street fighting.

In a humiliating setback which could put President Yeltsin's leadership under threat, lightly armed Chechen irregulars appeared to have halted and beaten back a larger and more powerful force of Russian troops in fierce house-to-house fighting.

The consequences will be felt almost immediately in Moscow, where President Yeltsin is facing unprecedented opposition from the public, the political establishment and large sectors of the military.

"The Russian armed force that stormed the city of Grozny two days ago is practically defeated," said Colonel Aslan Maskhadov, the jubilant Chechen commander-in-chief.

One reporter in the Chechen capital counted 17 burnt-out tanks and armoured personnel carriers near the railway station, the scene of some of the heaviest fighting. Another saw the burnt and mutilated bodies of a dozen Russian soldiers in the centre of the city.

The Chechen tricolour was still flying on the Presidency building last night and Chechen fighters appeared to move unchallenged around much of the city, which continued to come under heavy artillery and air bombardment.

The Chechens were last night attempting to encircle and wipe out the last 50 Russian armoured vehicles in Grozny, located in three areas to the east and west of the city centre. Talas Malayev, a Chechen volunteer, said that Chechen fighters operated in platoon-size groups of 30 men which located and eliminated the Russian tanks. "Local people tell us where the tanks are," he said. "The Russians get lost in the fog."

The first tacit acknowledgement that the Russians were being beaten back came in an official statement by the Defence and Interior Ministries which announced that Russian troops were "regrouping their forces and equipment in central Grozny and the suburbs".

A Russian Government statement admitting the loss of "several dozen" armoured vehicles was the first official confirmation of the setback.

The language used by Russia last night was in marked contrast to the more upbeat remarks on Sunday by General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, who is now personally overseeing the operation and who had predicted that Russian forces would be in full control of Grozny by the end of last week.

A humiliating defeat at the hands of the Chechens could spell the end of President Yeltsin's political career. The military operation has been widely criticised by his former political allies in Moscow and several highly respected army generals. Latest opinion polls, taken before reports of the defeat and heavy loss of life, revealed that 63 per cent of Russians are against the Chechen operation and 65 per cent do not trust the Russian leader.

A taste of the domestic fallout came when a group of Russian parliamentarians opposed to the war, who have just returned from Grozny, said yesterday that the authorities were concealing the number of casualties.

"Thousands of innocent people have died, tens of thousands made homeless. Hundreds of servicemen have died," said a statement released by the deputies on their return to Moscow. "The Government is concealing the truth about losses. We are talking about mass murder tantamount to genocide . . . Soldiers have no idea what they are fighting for."

Viktor Sheinis, a deputy in the Duma, the Russian lower house, said the Russian attack on New Year's Eve had been launched by 250 armoured vehicles. "Most of the vehicles have been destroyed by Chechen fighters," he said. "Russian troops have suffered losses in the hundreds."

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Drivers struggle in 120 miles of traffic jam misery

BY KEVIN EASON AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

HUGE traffic jams brought misery to the end of the Christmas holiday last night as motorists struggled home through snow and ice.

The RAC reported jams along 120 miles of road, the worst tailback being on 40 miles of the M6 through Cumbria and Lancashire. The roads were overloaded by holidaymakers who had delayed their journeys to avoid the weekend's high winds and blizzards and by drivers heading for the January sales.

Motoring organisations say there will be little relief today, with millions of workers heading for their offices and factories in sub-zero temperatures. The AA and RAC are braced for their busiest day this winter, expecting up to 50,000 breakdown calls. They are warning drivers to beware of black ice.

On the east coast, householders were preparing for more flooding after two days of being battered by gales and threatened by high tides. Councils were issuing sandbags for houses near seafronts and harbours.

Motorists who waited yesterday until the worst of the weather was over drove straight into the tailbacks. The longest was from junction 37 at Kendal in the Lake District through to junction 32, where the M6 meets the M55 to Blackpool. Traffic was also held up for 31 miles along the M6 through Cheshire.

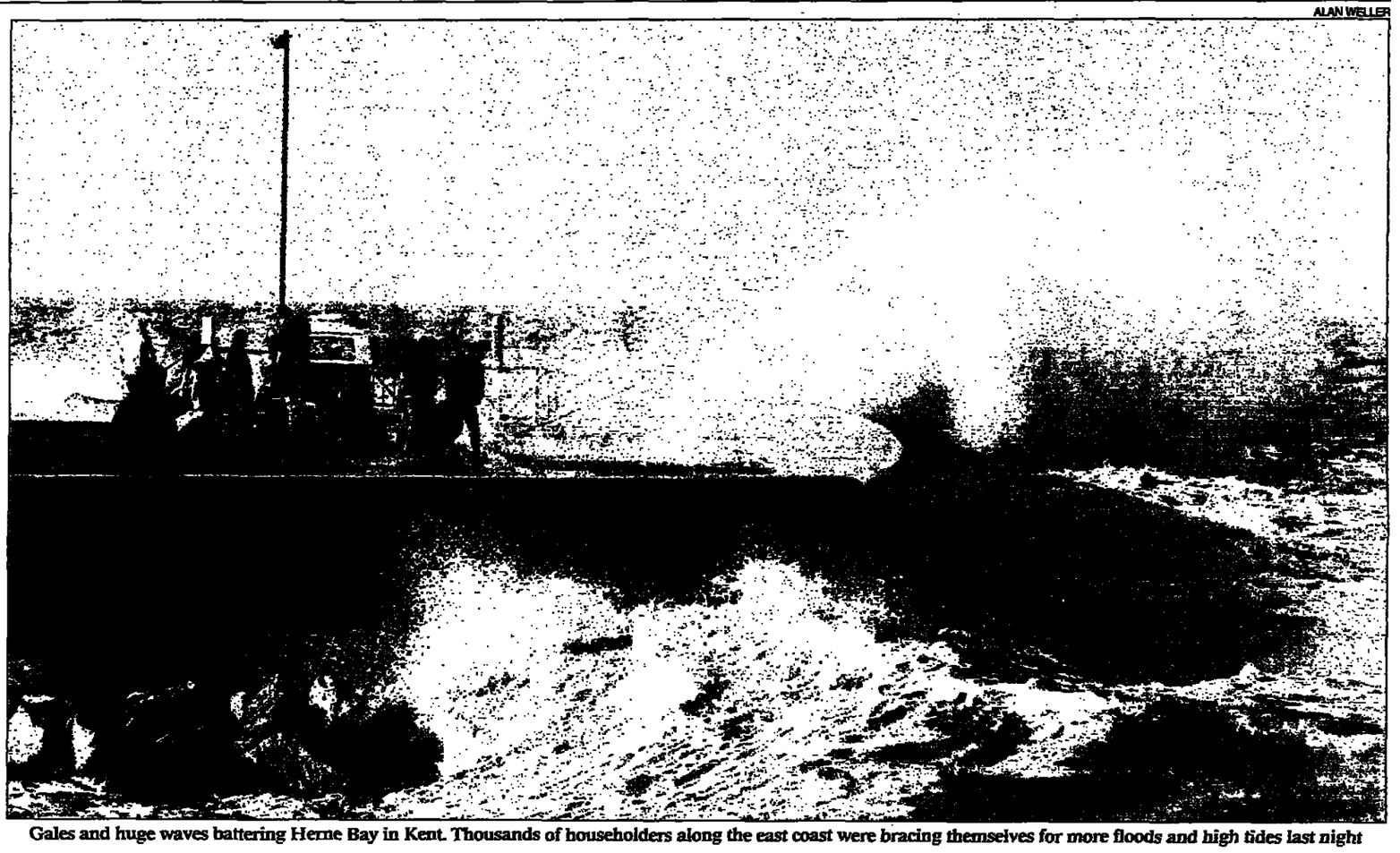
Large swaths of the country were hit by blizzards and floods from the Grampians down to Suffolk, Essex and Kent. Two-feet-high drifts were reported in Bridlington and up to four inches of snow covered the higher parts of the North Yorkshire Moors with all three main routes into Whitby blocked.

The fresh snowfalls came as the RAC was still helping to recover hundreds of cars abandoned at the height of Sunday's blizzards, particularly in the South East. A spokesman said that roads such as the M2 in Kent and the area of the M25 around the Dartford crossing were littered yesterday with cars that had been abandoned by

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ALAN WELLER



Gales and huge waves battering Herne Bay in Kent. Thousands of householders along the east coast were bracing themselves for more floods and high tides last night

Rosemary West will face court, say prosecutors

BY BILL FROST

THE Crown Prosecution Service insisted yesterday that it would proceed with the prosecution of Rosemary West, the wife of builder Frederick West, despite claims by her solicitor that his prison suicide left the case against her weak.

Leo Goatley, who represents the mother of eight facing nine murder charges, said: "I have always felt the case against her was flimsy, and it is flimsier now. Because they were jointly charged, everything that Fred has said would have come out in court and would have challenged Rose.

"During his police interviews, his story started to waver this way and that, and he blamed one person and then another." Mr Goatley also alleged that, in one interview, West claimed to detectives that his wife had nothing to do with the murders of nine women who were found buried at the couple's Gloucester home.

West is understood to have given police several taped hours of evidence relating to the murders. The admissibility of his confessions at any trial involving Mrs West for either the prosecution or the defence would be likely to be the subject of legal argument. So-called hearsay evidence given to a third party is not usual in criminal trials.

But a spokesman for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) last night damped down speculation that her trial might be abandoned. He said: "There are two criteria we work on: evidence and public interest. As far as the CPS is concerned, this trial is going ahead." Mrs West, 41, is currently on remand at Pucklechurch prison near Bristol, where she is being allowed visits from close family during the day.

Mr Goatley added: "Rosemary was not upset or tearful about Fred's death. Bear in mind that she felt a real sense of betrayal and anger when these discoveries were made. She did not want anything more to do with Fred."

He said: "She had rationalised that he was a split personality — that there was a dark side to him which she had not known anything about. She did know he was a rascal. He was not an angel by any means, and he used to get into trouble in one way or another over the years."

But Mr Goatley said: "She also knew him as a hard worker and a breadwinner for the family so she is bound to have thoughts about that side of him too."

Rosemary West learned of her husband's death from prison authorities on Sunday afternoon. She was visited shortly afterwards by Mr Goatley and they discussed her legal position.

The Wests were due to appear at committal proceedings on February 6 in Dursley Magistrates' Court, Gloucestershire. Mr Goatley maintained that the builder's death was unlikely to affect that scheduled hearing.

Meanwhile, newspapers, television and radio were warned last night that salacious reporting of the case could prejudice the forthcoming trial.

Tony Miles, West's solicitor, said that he had been appalled by some of the coverage that followed his client's suicide on Sunday at Winson Green, Birmingham.

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Rosemary West: faces nine murder charges

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Saatchi turns down Saatchi

Maurice Saatchi, the Conservative Party's favourite advertising guru, has decided to sever his links with Saatchi & Saatchi, the agency which he created with his brother Charles.

Mr Saatchi, ousted as chairman of the company in a controversial boardroom coup last month, will inform the directors today that he is not prepared to accept the offer of a downgraded role as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide

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Israel freezes settlement

After six hours of stormy debate in the Israeli Parliament yesterday the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, said the Government would freeze the building of a settlement on a disputed West Bank hilltop but might allow a smaller construction near by.

The compromise prompted heckling from the opposition, who accused Mr Rabin of caving in

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Waiting for 'tax freedom'

"Tax freedom day", when the average wage earner meets the taxman's demands, will come five days later this year — on May 29 — according to the Adam Smith Institute.

This year will be the second in which the number of days needed goes up. In 1994, there was a five-day increase

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Blair to lay down the law on instant policy-making

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR is to demand greater self-discipline from his shadow ministerial team after a succession of blunders over Christmas and the new year angered MPs and activists, and gave some much-needed relief to the embattled Conservative leadership.

The Labour leader is to lay down the law at next week's Shadow Cabinet meeting, telling members that they must not use interviews and newspaper articles to make policy "on the hoof".

He is to deliver what sources close to him yesterday called a "stern pep talk" after the shambles at the weekend when David Blunkett, the chief education spokesman, was forced to backtrack on his suggestion that Labour was considering introducing VAT on school fees.

Shadow Cabinet members are to be told that when they are asked questions in future about taxation, they should refer them to Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

John Evans, a senior Labour MP and member of the ruling national executive, sharply criticised Mr Blunkett yesterday, saying that he had not enhanced his reputation. "David Blunkett is a very able man but he does have this habit of making policy on the hoof. In the Labour Party that can be very costly."

Mr Blair will tell the 18 elected members of the Shadow Cabinet they must ensure that junior spokesmen "clear their lines" before making policy pronouncements. He is understood to have been unhappy that Labour spokesmen also agreed to be interviewed on New Year's Day about the party's nuclear energy policy, and gave rise to speculation that this could be changed.

Doubts have also arisen over other planks of the education policy, particularly on opted-out schools, and *The Times* disclosed last week that Mr Blunkett was considering a plan to impose a graduate tax on students.

Mr Blair will remind his colleagues of their duty to uphold the secrecy of shadow cabinet discussions, after apparent leaks recently from a debate on referendums on the European Union.

Mr Blunkett believed that in ruling nothing out he was following the line that he recalled Mr Blair taking on VAT on school fees during the leadership campaign last summer. It was clear that the Labour leader insisted that his colleague make plain the VAT idea was not a runner and that Mr Blunkett readily agreed.

A senior Labour source said yesterday: "Let us face it. We have scored one or two own goals recently. If New Year's Day had not been such a busy news day we would have been pilloried more than we have."

Meanwhile it was confirmed yesterday that Labour is considering scrapping the charitable status of private schools. Mr Blunkett is to meet the Independent Schools Information Service early in the year. The concession is worth £42 million a year to the schools.

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Hurd sings praises of Europe to drown Tory sceptics' noise

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS HURD moved yesterday to counter Euro-scepticism in the Conservative Party by launching a campaign to highlight the "overwhelming benefits" of membership of the European Union.

The Foreign Secretary said that arguments in favour of membership were even stronger now than in 1975, when the party under Margaret Thatcher campaigned vigorously for a "yes" vote in the referendum on Europe. In a briefing note to constituency parties, Mr Hurd said the EU brought Britain jobs, enhanced its influence in the world, gave citizens new opportunities and helped to keep the peace.

Mr Hurd was mounting an effort to improve public understanding of the EU in the run-up to the 1996 conference on its future development. He and other members of the broadly pro-European majority in the Cabinet believe the arguments for EU membership are being lost in recent disputes over its acknowledged failings and the internal Tory battle over the Maastricht treaty.

But even as Mr Hurd tried to defuse Conservative tensions, Norman Lamont, one of the Euro-sceptic leaders, renewed them by predicting that a single currency could come as early as 1997. He urged the Government to reject the idea now. "We've had plenty of time to consider the pros and cons of a single currency. I believe the time has come to say no," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today*. "I think it is quite possible that other countries will say 1997 — only two years away — is the time when a single currency ought to be attempted."

Mr Hurd said that although most people understood Britain could not be divorced from events on the Continent, they were often hard pushed to explain why. "Our criticisms of the way it [the European Union] often works, our efforts to make it work better, should not obscure the overwhelming



Hurd: "We sell pizzas to the Italians"

benefits which our membership brings us."

British business needed no persuading of the benefits, he said. The EU took 53 per cent of British exports, compared with 36 per cent in 1973. "We sell croissants to the French and pizzas to the Italians." All sectors of the economy benefited. In the past ten years the trade surplus with Europe had tripled to £3 billion. "More trade means more jobs. Millions of British jobs now depend on our trade with the EU. To those we must add the hundreds of thousands of jobs created by inward investment from overseas." Britain counted for more when it acted with its partners than when it acted alone. "Membership gives us more clout in the eyes of our rivals and our competitors."

Mr Hurd said that there could be no "halfway house" membership. If Britain was a member only of the European economic area it would still have to accept the rules of the single market but would have no say in shaping them. "If we are to influence community laws to the advantage of British companies we need to be inside, not outside, the EU." It had brought benefits for students, travellers, consumers and working people.

Mr Hurd acknowledged that "not everything is rosy". He said: "The last few years have been a testing time for the EU. We have seen too much windy rhetoric, too little effort to address the concerns of ordinary people.

"Often it is the negative picture of a remote, interfering and wasteful EU which dominates. Public confidence is undermined and the usefulness of the EU is called into question. That is why we need to make real headway in correcting what goes wrong."

He said that Britain's strategy in rejecting a federal union and pressing for a flexible, decentralised Europe was "a popular one. It moves with the grain and should stand the test of time."

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Dai "Dosco" Davies, right, is overcome as a brass band plays "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau", the Welsh national anthem, at Tower Colliery

Triumph and tears as miners save pit

MORE than 1,000 people marched to a colliery yesterday to cheer the victory of 239 miners who bought back their pit ten months after British Coal shut it for good.

They walked behind the banners of closed collieries to celebrate the survival of the last deep pit in South Wales. A brass band played and the crowd sang the Welsh national anthem as miners in pit helmets were joined by families, children and supporters for the half-mile march to Tower Colliery at Hirwaun, Mid Glamorgan.

The 239 miners, who will renew coal-cutting shifts at 7am today, paid £8,000 each from their redundancy settlements to become shareholders in the pit at the edge of the Cynon Valley, where male unemployment in some communities is as high as 40 per cent. Their chairman, Tyrone O'Sullivan, 48, who has worked underground since he was 15, said: "Many of us have marched back to work in defeat but now we return in triumph. There is no shame in defeat but there's a bloody shame in not fighting back. Workers must never fear running their own industries and their own futures. Miners love to do their jobs well. We're going to prove that in Tower."

Mr O'Sullivan, a supporter of Arthur Scargill during the miners' strike, said that the new company had orders from Britain, Spain, France and Holland for the 500,000 tonnes of coal it planned to mine each year. Watching the march with his family was Adrian Godfrey, a Price Waterhouse accountant who helped the miners to prepare their buy-out package. Walking near him was Glyn Roberts, 66, a retired miner whose 45-year-old son and 18-year-old grandson, both called Glyn, are shareholders in the new pit.

The eldest Mr Roberts said: "This is better than 1947. Then the Government became the owners but now it's the miners at last. Then they flew a Union Jack over Tower but now we're flying the red dragon of Wales. I'm proud for the valley and for my boys who will now have a future."

The miners of Tower plan to cut 8,500 tonnes of coal in their first week of production and to employ 275 men by the end of February. They will each earn between £15,000 and £18,000, higher than the basic wage under British Coal.

Ann Clwyd, the Cynon Valley MP who staged a 27-hour underground protest at Tower in April, cut the red tape at the colliery gates and 239 red and yellow balloons were released into the sky. She said: "This can be a model for the rest of Britain. The new owners are going to make this pit as successful as they made it in the past."

Tower was closed on April 22 with the loss of 370 jobs but a month later the men decided to buy it back. They used their own money and raised more in Trinidad, Australia and America and from 1,000 pensioners in the Cynon Valley to reach their target, said to be £2 million.

Hospital to investigate wife's death after treatment delay

THE chief executive of a London hospital yesterday promised an investigation into a woman's death after an all-night search failed to find her an intensive care bed in the capital.

Roberta Gerardo, 43, died on Sunday, nearly seven hours after being admitted to the North Middlesex Hospital, north London. The intensive care unit was full and staff telephoned hospitals as far away as Cambridge in search of a bed. They eventually found one in Hemel Hempstead but Mrs Gerardo died soon after arrival. Shaw Edwards, chief executive of the North Middlesex, last night promised an inquiry. He said: "We will make sure we did everything we could. We are very sad for the family."

He added: "At Christmas there is always a lot of tragedy in terms of road crashes and heart attacks from over-eating, as well as suicide attempts. This means that there is pressure for beds. Apparently, this lady had a fit and was admitted to Accident and Emergency, and then a bed on a ward. We gave her a scan, and realised she needed ventilation in intensive care."

Mrs Gerardo, a legal secretary with two children, collapsed at home in Palmers Green, north London, on New Year's Eve. Her husband Gerry praised staff at the hospital but claimed that NHS cutbacks had caused his wife's death.

Mr Gerardo said that the respirator was switched off about 6am, some six and a half hours after she collapsed at home. He said the staff at the North Middlesex had done everything they could and the registrar was almost in tears as he made call after call in search of a bed.

But Mr Gerardo blamed cuts in the National Health Service for the fact that his wife had to wait for intensive care treatment. "I think the politicians have to look again at the whole system and at the cutbacks they have inflicted on the NHS. It is not helping patients and it is putting massive pressure on doctors and nurses.

"The staff at North Middlesex were devastated this happened as they worked very, very hard, hoping against hope it was not as bad as we all feared. It's not up to me to call for an inquiry, but the system needs to be looked at. These cutbacks can't go on."

Taxman's pay day extended by a week

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

TAXPAYERS may want to celebrate May 29 as "tax freedom day" this year, even though they will, on average, need to work five more days than in 1994 to meet the taxman's demands.

According to calculations by the Adam Smith Institute, the free-market think-tank, the number of days employees need to work to settle their taxes is 149 this year, up from 144 last year. May 29, a Bank Holiday, will be the first day employees notionally keep all of their earnings.

This year will be the second consecutive year in which the number of days needed to satisfy the Inland Revenue goes up. In 1994, there was a five-day increase to 144 days after a number of years in which Tory governments committed to cutting tax had nudged the number of days down from the 157 needed in 1982.

The trend for the rest of the decade is for the tax burden to continue to rise as the Government seeks to reduce the budget deficit. In 1979, the last tax freedom day set by a Labour government came as early as May 17. In the mid-1960s, it fell on April 29. The institute's calculation makes no attempt to portray the way tax payments are normally spread out over the year.

Britons need considerably less time than the Danes (who require 199 days) to meet their commitments to the Exchequer. In America, where tax freedom day is marked with parties, the period worked for the taxman is shorter than in Britain, as it is in Japan and Australia (121 days).

Andrew Dilnot, of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said the calculation showed that, with close to 40 per cent of national income going on tax, the Thatcher and Major administrations had not found a way of cutting public expenditure.

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Old guard tries to hang on to careers service

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Government's privatisation programme has suffered another setback with the failure of all but a handful of commercial operators to secure a stake in the restyled careers service, which will open to competition this year.

Only seven private operators are among the successful bidders for the 42 contracts to run regional services. All the remainder will go to consortiums of training and enterprise councils (Tecs) and local education authorities, which are responsible for careers offices at present.

The outcome will be an embarrassment to Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, who is one of the Cabinet's most committed champions of privatisation. He has been critical of the service and expressed disappointment that those who provide it dominated the first round of bidding last year.

The final breakdown of the latest round will not be announced for three months, when contract negotiations are complete, but private firms responsible for more than 50 bids have already been told that they have not succeeded. At least one has complained to Mr Portillo that private firms were not given a fair chance.

Andrew May, a partner in UK Career Vision, accused civil servants of using the contracts to protect Tecs' income, and said: "I feel that we have been stitched up." Mr May, a former banker who set up the company with MCP Management Consultants, bid for three regions and says the planning took six months and cost £250,000.

UK Career Vision's planned bids for the nine London services now out to tender have been abandoned and the company is to be wound up. Mr May said: "I feel mortified at what has gone on, and I think it is wrong that after our experience others should follow and be treated similarly."

An Employment Department spokeswoman said there had been more than 100 bids, but would give no details of the successful applicants. She said: "There was certainly no preference given to any type of bidder. There were all sorts of criteria but obviously familiarity in the field was bound to be an issue."

UK Career Vision included a senior careers adviser in its bid team, and the other contenders included a number of private training organisations.

Mr May said: "Our plans were thorough and seemed to



Portillo: facing an embarrassing setback

go down well when we discussed them with government officers. I don't think the country will get anything other than what has been on offer in the past, whereas the Government's aim was to bring in new ideas."

Mr Portillo said that privatisation would improve careers advice by making it independent. The first round of 13 "pathfinder" contracts attracted few private sector bids, and all the contracts went to local authority/Tec consortiums. The Employment Department said that the new organisations would be more responsive to the needs of young people and employers.

Bottomley hints at prescription rise

Virginia Bottomley refused to rule out an increase in prescription charges yesterday amid speculation that she will announce an increase at the end of the month. The charge went up last April by 50p to £4.75. Wide protests are expected if the charge goes above £5.

Asked to justify a further increase above inflation, the Health Secretary said: "We have fairer prescription charges than any other country in Europe . . . and in delivering the results we are delivering, we cannot shy away from difficult decisions." She added later: "There has been some speculation about the level of prescription charges. Only one item in five is paid for through a charge. It is quite reasonable for those who can afford it to make a contribution towards the cost of their medicine."

Man on murder charge

A man will appear before magistrates in Camberwell Green, south London, today charged with the first murder of the year. Matthew Hutchinson, 20, is accused of stabbing to death Maria Hatton, 41, at 12.30am on Sunday. She was attacked while shopping at a store in Stockwell, southwest London, and died from chest wounds. Mr Hutchinson is also accused of an unrelated stabbing on December 29.

Academy head resigns

The American cellist Lynn Harrell has resigned as principal of the Royal Academy of Music in London after 16 months. Mr Harrell, 50, has been continuing his concert engagements. Guy Whalley, chairman of the board of governors, said: "Mr Harrell found that the demands of his international solo career could not be combined with his duties as principal in a way that did equal justice to both."

Party explosions case

Two men were due to appear in court at Shrewsbury after explosive devices were detonated during new year celebrations. A woman police officer suffered head injuries as she and colleagues tried to make arrests after explosives went off at Market Drayton, Shropshire, early on Sunday. Both men are charged with conspiracy to cause explosions and one with assaulting WPC Jan Lyons.

Woman remanded

The daughter of a former Mayor of Bournemouth has been charged with murder. Lorraine Blundell, 38, was remanded in custody for a week when she appeared before magistrates in Blackpool for the first time yesterday. Mrs Blundell, from Bournemouth, who has a a nine-year-old son, is charged with the murder of Michael Stogden, 42, on New Year's Eve at a flat in St Anne's, Lancashire.

Frogmore House fire

The Queen was yesterday counting the cost of the third blaze in six months at Windsor Castle. Damage running into thousands of pounds was caused when staff lavatories at Frogmore House in the castle grounds caught fire early on New Year's Day. No one was hurt. A castle source said that a water heater inadvertently left on for a fortnight was believed to have been the cause.

Father dies trying to rescue girl

A FATHER and his two-year-old daughter died as he tried unsuccessfully to rescue her from a blazing bedroom on New Year's Day.

Peter Holland-Jenkins, 61, braved heat and fumes in an attempt to save Iona when fire took hold at the Old Rectory in Arkleby, Cumbria, during the early evening. Rescue services found him dead on the bedroom floor, cradling his daughter's body. Both are thought to have been overcome by smoke.

Mr Holland-Jenkins and his wife Tarn, from London, were staying with her parents, Major Jack Bartholomew and his wife Elizabeth, for the new year holiday. The Rev Frederick Price, a family friend, said: "Iona had been put to bed and, for whatever reason, Tarn went up to the first floor again. She discovered the fire and called for her husband. He ran up and tried to rescue her."

Rick Lanigan, a senior divisional fire officer, said Mrs Holland-Jenkins was distraught but quite calm. "One of the men took her downstairs while two others wearing breathing apparatus searched the first floor. They found the man, who had collapsed on the floor of the girl's bedroom with his daughter in his arms.

"He had picked the girl up but only made a few steps before he was overcome by smoke. We brought them out one by one. We did everything we could to save them. It's very hard on the men who got them out but then found they hadn't saved them."

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Jovial inmate was not considered to be at risk

West took advantage of jail regime to plan death

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CHECKS on Frederick West were cut from every 15 minutes to once an hour several months before he hanged himself because he was not considered a suicide risk, the prison service admitted last night. He was thought to have adapted to prison life.

Judge Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, urged jails to adopt a 24-hour watch on potential suicide candidates, while John Bartell, the prison officers' leader, criticised the decision to relax security on West. He accused the prison service's top management of taking part in the decision.

Mr Bartell said he believed that any decision would have been taken "presumably with permission from head office. One would assume with a high-profile prisoner such as this that at least the minister would have been informed."

He said that in the 1960s officers had sat outside the cell doors of prisoners such as the Krays. Until three years ago officers taking part in special watches had to sign a book every time they made a physical inspection. Now the checks were visual.

Prison Service sources denied any central or ministerial involvement in the monitoring regime. They said that a prison doctor would have made the decision on whether West was suicidal and needed any special watch.

Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service, confirmed last night that West was not under any special watch when he killed himself and was not seen as being at risk. He was assessed as suicidal when he entered prison last year but the watch was later relaxed. It was resumed briefly and then taken off after another assessment.

Mr Lewis said that a 15-minute watch could not be relied upon and was changed last year. Instead there were frequent but random checks on prisoners at risk so that they could not be sure staff would not interrupt them.

He said that a decision on West was taken, "as far as we can tell, in line with the normal procedures by the local staff and the medical staff at the prison", with no ministerial involvement.

As the investigation into the death began, it appeared that West had timed his end for Monday lunchtime when only a handful of officers were patrolling. Between midday and 1pm each day many of the staff were having lunch and others were going off duty.

On the morning of his death West appeared happy and relaxed. Prisoner WN3617 was "very jovial and buoyant" as he greeted prison officers on D wing at Winson Green prison. Breakfast was served at 7.30am just before day began to break across the city of Birmingham. After a breakfast of cereal and eggs West was allowed into one of the exercise yards escorted by two prison officers at about 10am.

The yard was reserved for top-security prisoners. No one noticed anything unusual in West's attitude during the exercise period of less than an hour. He made his way back to his cell and by 11am lunch was on its way from the prison kitchens to his wing, which includes a large hospital section below West's cell on landing D3.

After months in prison West knew he was now close to the time of day when he could attempt suicide with little interference. Prison sources believe that he had watched the prison routine and carefully calculated when he could put his suicide plan into action. At midday, as he was locked in his cell with a meal of chicken soup and pork chops, he could probably hear prison staff going off for lunch. The early shift of officers also began to leave. For an hour patrolling was at a minimum: two officers were on duty on D wing, which held 42 cells.

At 1pm West knew that the daytime staff would return from lunch and be joined by more officers coming onto their shift. At 1.05pm he would be unlocked again so that his plates could be taken away.

Sometime after 12.30pm he made his final plans. He did not bother to block the door to prevent interruptions but must have calculated that he had enough time. There was no officer patrolling near by.

West fashioned his ligature from his clothes. He is believed to have used his prison issue shirt, tying one end to a ventilation grating above the door and then making a noose. The knot was designed so that he would die quickly. He climbed on to a chair and kicked it away.

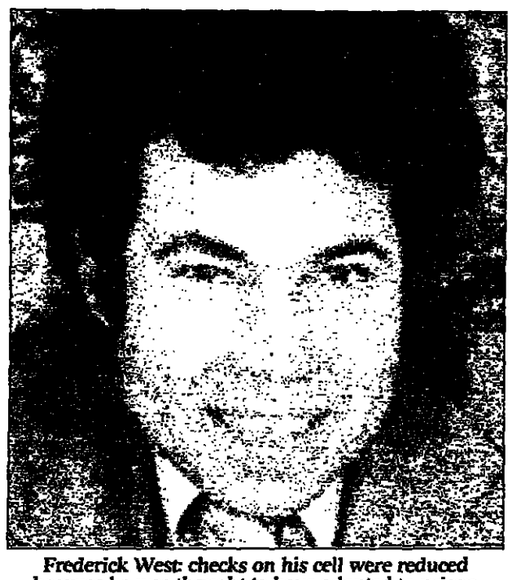
At 12.55pm his body was discovered by one of the two patrolling officers, jammed against the door of his cell. The officer called for his colleague and they immediately began trying to resuscitate West, helped by other staff summoned from the hospital. At 1.22pm a prison doctor confirmed death.

Judge Tumim told BBC Radio 4's *Today* that, in producing his report on prison suicides in 1991, he concluded: "I was very much advising against 15-minute checks and in favour in appropriate cases of continuous observation. That has got to be looked at."

Prisoners at risk of suicide should share a cell or be watched by someone else the whole time. Of West he said: "There may be good reason why he should share a cell, one of which is the possibility of suicide. I think it's got to be considered in each case."

Andrew Rutherford, of the Howard League, which also produced a recent report on prison suicides, said it was possible that West had taken his life because he was taunted by other prisoners. "Among the questions about Winson Green is to what extent West was shielded from constant shouts and abuse which goes with that sort of notoriety."

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Frederick West: checks on his cell were reduced because he was thought to have adapted to prison

Prison suicides at record level

FREDERICK WEST's death in his cell follows a year that promises to set a record for the number of prison suicides, surpassing the 1993 figure of 46 deaths. Few were prisoners facing murder charges and many were young offenders.

Since the late 1980s prison governors, the prison inspectorate and reformers have been trying to find ways to identify suicidal prisoners. In the past few years the Prison Service has begun to train staff and make greater use of counselling groups such as the Samaritans.

Continuous surveillance is a last resort because it can be too intrusive. It is used in extreme cases and in these circumstances a prison officer would be with the prisoner at all times. Disturbed prisoners may be given a short period of "time out" in a stripped room but this is considered too extreme to be used for more than a short time.

Closed-circuit television is also considered intrusive. It is used in the United States to watch individual prisoners around the clock but only in very secure prisons to prevent escape and not suicide.



Prince Harry and Prince William, behind, arriving with Tiggy Legge-Bourke at Zurich airport yesterday

Duchess gives up rooms for Prince

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Prince of Wales arrived for a skiing holiday in Klosters yesterday after the Duchess of York agreed to vacate her hotel rooms to make way for him.

The Prince, who is accompanied by Prince William and Prince Harry, moved into the three-bedroomed suite at the Hotel Walserhof in the Swiss resort as the Duchess and her two daughters switched to another apartment.

The Duchess, who has been occupying the four-star hotel's best suite since she arrived in Klosters last Thursday, is understood to have reserved the rooms until next weekend. But when it emerged that the Prince was planning to stay at the hotel, she agreed to move to rooms on the floor above. The suite is kept permanently by the brewery heir Peter Greenall and the Duchess and the Prince, both regular visitors to Klosters, usually stay there. This week is the first time their holidays have coincided.

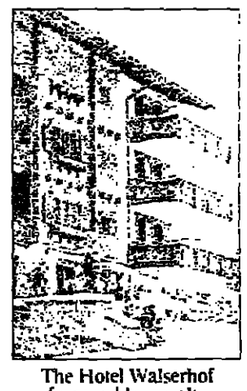
It is understood that the Prince, who flew to Zurich airport yesterday, will stay for at least a week. His sons, who are due to start term at Ludgrove School in Berkshire next week, may return before their father.

William, 12, and Harry, 10, are accompanied by Tiggy Legge-Bourke, a regular member of the royal entourage. Also in the party are four detectives and the Prince's private secretary.

The Duchess is expected to return home with Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie in the next few days. The Prince is also taking over the Duchess's ski guide, Bruno Sprecher, who has been accompanying her party since she arrived.

The guide, who is a close friend of the Duchess and the Prince, was with his party in 1988 when it was caught in an avalanche that killed Major Hugh Lindsay. The Prince, an accomplished skier, usually likes to ski off-piste.

The hotel, which has 11 rooms and two suites, charges about £150 a night and is not the most expensive in Klosters. With only about 30 guests, it cultivates a family atmosphere and is noted for some of the finest cooking in the region. The rooms are fully booked this week. The local tourist office said there was about a foot of fresh snow on the slopes yesterday.



The Hotel Walserhof favoured by royalty

Fish takes wrong road in floods

BY KEVIN EASON

A CONFUSED salmon proved yesterday that humans were not the only members of the animal kingdom suffering during the freezing weather.

The salmon was spotted swimming along a flooded road in Whitby, North Yorkshire, by a policeman on his beat. Bystanders cheered as PC Karl Simpson rescued the 4lb fish from the New Quay Road and lowered it into the swollen river Esk.

The gales also forced unusual birds to British shores. A rare dusky warbler, which should have been wintering in South-East Asia, was blown thousands of miles off course and turned up in a nature reserve at Bideford, Devon. There have been only 140 recorded sightings of the bird, just four inches long, in Britain since records began, according to the Rare Birds Alert Pagers Group.

Guy Kirwan, the group's spokesman, said: "They can lose their way on the prevailing winds which is probably why this one has turned up, with the winds being so strong over the past few days."

Second British skier dies off piste in Alps avalanche

BY EMMA WILKINS

AN AVALANCHE in the Alps has killed a second Briton in two days. Peter Andrew, 28, from Prestwood, Buckinghamshire, was skiing off piste at Le Grave in the French Alps when he was caught by the avalanche on Sunday.

Mr Andrew, an experienced skier, was swept down the mountainside into a lake, where he drowned. He had been skiing at 9,500ft. It is understood that he was accompanied by a male American friend when the avalanche struck. His family was told of his death on Sunday.

Mr Andrew's brother said: "We haven't really had time to digest it yet and we are all very upset. Everyone is still trying to come to terms with it."

The accident came as mild weather combined with strong winds to make snow conditions hazardous and avalanche danger imminent.

Four-point avalanche warnings were in force in most resorts in the French Alps yesterday. The highest category of alert is a five-point warning.

The other Briton to be killed in the Alps was Amanda Smith, 30, from east London, who died on Saturday while skiing off piste near Tignes, in France. Ms Smith, who was accompanied by a mountain guide, was buried under 7ft of snow.

The guide managed to dig himself out and raise the alarm but Ms Smith was dead by the time rescue teams arrived. French police have begun an inquiry into her death.

The deaths of the Britons bring the number of skiers killed in the Alps over the new year weekend to seven. All were skiing off piste.

The Ski Club of Great Britain warned skiers not to go off piste while weather conditions made snow fragile and dangerous. A spokeswoman said: "If the wind suddenly gets up and compacts the snow, you can get the 'wind slab' effect where vast slabs of snow are moved by the wind and cause an avalanche."

☐ The Alps are expecting further snowfalls over the next few days. The Ski Club of Great Britain said there was excellent skiing at Obergurgl, Austria; Les Arcs, Courchevel, Chamonix, and Val d'Isere in France; and good powder snow but a risk of avalanche at Verbier, Switzerland.

In Scotland, winds of up to 35 knots were reported on Cairngorm, where the temperature of -9C combined with strong winds. Conditions were excellent for skiers, with recent snowfalls and crisp conditions throughout the North. Nevis Range near Fort William had one of its busiest days with more than 2,000 skiers on the slopes.

One spot that missed out on the perfect skiing conditions by just a few miles was Glenshee, Tayside, where hardly a flake of snow fell and staff at the centre were reduced to making their own snow.

A spokesman at the centre, south of Braemar, said they were using snow-making machinery to spray water into the air at high-pressure which then lands as snow.

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Storms

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their owners during the storms.

The Bank Holiday sports programme was devastated with six out of eight race meetings called off. All three Rugby League fixtures were postponed, as were 15 English Endsleigh League and ten Scottish football games. At Middlesbrough the referee called off the match against Barnsley at half-time because frost was hardening the pitch.

Electricity to hundreds of homes in Humberside was cut off as the authorities braced themselves for flooding. A Coastguard spokesman said: "We are expecting an extremely high tide. It just depends on how far inland the winds drive the waves as to how many homes could be affected."

Parts of London were inundated when the Thames spilled its banks after a decision was taken not to raise the Greenwich flood barrier.

At Hornsea on Humberside six families were taken to safety when their homes were swamped by waves that crashed over a sea wall. In Scarborough, police sealed off the seafront as huge waves swept over the pier and sea wall. Debris and rocks were scattered on the roadway and iron railings were twisted and smashed.

On the South Bay seafront, waves about 30ft high breached one section of sea wall and swept several cars out to sea. A police spokesman said the tide had reached almost seven metres instead of the predicted six.

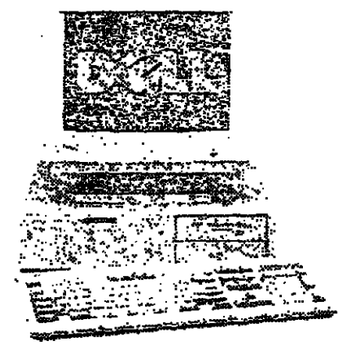
Roy Jenkinson, a harbour watchman who went to warn anglers of the dangers, was hit by a wave and knocked 60ft backwards along the Fish Pier. The waves also demolished a reinforced concrete garage on the pier. Police said people had risked their lives by trying to record the waves with video cameras.

Seven people were lifted to safety by an RAF helicopter when three cars were engulfed by the tide on the causeway between Holy Island and the mainland. The cars, stuck on the highest point of the causeway, were left in the water.

In Margate, Kent, a children's home worker and two young boys were rescued from a cliff after they struggled back to land after being washed out to sea by a freak wave. The 34-year-old man had been walking along the beach with the boys, aged 14 and 10, when all three were knocked off their feet. They managed to scramble back to a cliff ledge but were then cut off by the rising tide.

The three were taken to hospital suffering from cold and shock. One boy was treated for hypothermia.

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Northern Ireland Minister rejects Paisley claim that blaze was started maliciously

Fire wrecks debating chamber at Stormont

BY JOHN HICKS

A FIRE badly damaged the Stormont parliament buildings near Belfast yesterday. The historic Commons debating chamber was gutted and nearby rooms and corridors were damaged by smoke and water.

The alarm was raised at 8.55am and it took 100 firemen two hours to control the fire. The building has never had a sprinkler system, but one was due to be fitted as part of a £3 million refurbishment to be completed by the summer. Some Northern Ireland MPs expressed anger last night that no fire warning measures were in place.

About a hundred staff in the Department of the Environment work in offices on the fourth floor, with members of the International Fund for Ireland. But the premises were locked yesterday for the Bank Holiday and firefighters had to smash windows to gain access.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, visiting the scene, said that an RUC inspector had told him the fire had been started maliciously. Mr Paisley accused republicans. "People recognise the symbolic significance of the Parliament Buildings and that it's the symbol of the Union," he said. "Republicans always use the torch and the flame to destroy the symbols of the Union."

However, Malcolm Moss, a Northern Ireland Office Minister, said: "There is no evidence to support this allegation. It has been refuted by both the assistant chief constable and the chief fire officer. The RUC have launched a forensic investigation."

Exploratory talks in the peace process between the Government and delegations from Sinn Fein and hardline loyalist groups have been taking place in rooms near the council chamber. The last meeting was held two days before Christmas. But Mr Moss said the fire would not inhibit the peace talks. "The political life of the Province will continue," he added.

The debating chamber in the west wing was the heart of the Protestant-dominated government until direct rule in 1972. It was last regularly used in 1986 when the old assembly sat. The Commons chamber was the home of the 52 members of the Lower House.

Kenneth Bloomfield, former head of the Northern Ireland civil service, said the gutted room was lavishly decorated. "It will be very difficult to replicate the standard of workmanship," he said.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the DUP, claimed there were inadequate fire precautions at many other government buildings in the Province and demanded an independent public inquiry. "It is recklessly irresponsible no adequate security or fire warning measures were in place," he said. He claimed that a man walking his dog had raised the alarm.

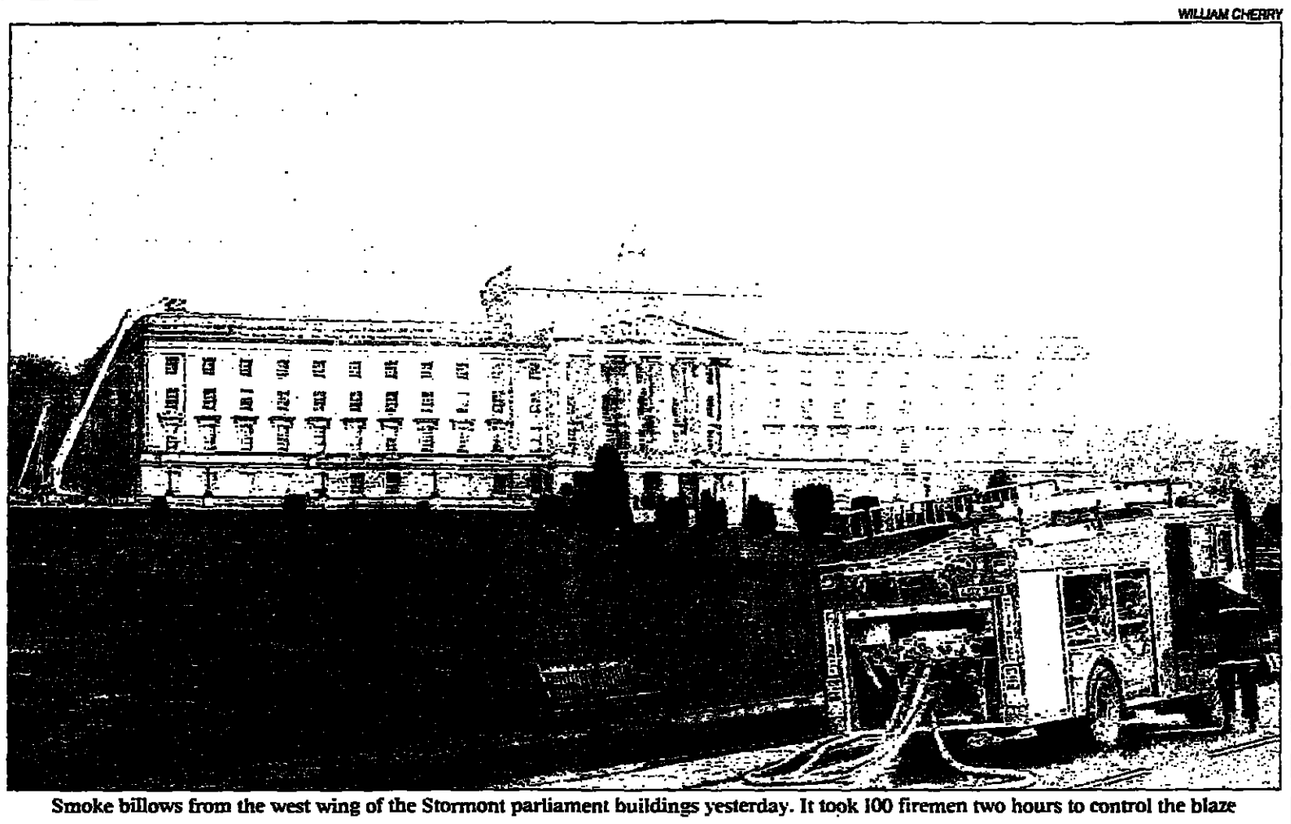
John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, said he was shocked that security within the parliament buildings was "non-existent". "If this is correct, then the present Northern Ireland Office Minister responsible for security at Stormont should resign at once."

Sir James Kilfedder, Unionist MP for North Down and Speaker in the old Northern Ireland Assembly, said he hoped the fire would not disrupt the developing peace process. He added: "Parliament buildings had been the focus for political progress, and it is a tragedy that the new year should have begun with this disastrous fire."

The neo-classical building, which has a 300ft frontage, was designed by Arnold Thornley and opened in 1932 for the first parliament after Irish partition. The exterior is faced in Portland stone above a plinth of granite from the Mountains of Mourne.

Until the Second World War Stormont gleamed snowy white but was painted with a bitumen substance to disguise it from German bombers and after it was cleaned off never regained its whiteness. The renovation work was due to be completed in time for any agreed local government assembly.

WILLIAM CHERRY



Smoke billows from the west wing of the Stormont parliament buildings yesterday. It took 100 firemen two hours to control the blaze



The Commons debating chamber was gutted

Crime fear outweighs risk of violence

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

FEAR of violent crime in Britain by far outweighs the real risk of assault, according to a survey commissioned by the BBC. The poll shows that, on average, people believe that 26 per cent of the population will become a victim of a violent crime in the next 12 months, whereas crime statistics show that it is more likely to be between 1 and 2 per cent.

Sue Davies, a BBC producer who commissioned the poll, said the survey was one of the first to measure the gap between fear of crime and reality. Nearly three quarters of people think they are more likely to be the victims of violent crime than they were ten years ago and anxiety about violent crime outweighs worries about the NHS, unemployment, education standards and inflation, with 71 per cent of people claiming to be "very concerned".

The survey of 1,002 adults, which will be broadcast in *The Violence Files*, a three-part documentary starting on Radio 4 tonight, also shows that those with the greatest fear of crime are the least likely to be affected. The elderly are the most fearful, although victims are most likely to be males aged 16 to 24.

Films and videos were blamed by 73 per cent of respondents as the primary contributor to violent behaviour and 60 per cent thought that screen violence "makes people behave more violently". However, 94 per cent said that lack of discipline in the home was the most important cause of violent behaviour.

Breakdown in family values, unemployment, lack of school discipline and poverty are all considered to be more important causes than films or television. "Fear of crime has become a neurosis of the late 20th century. It is a receptacle for all kinds of other anxieties in the same way that sex was in the Victorian age," Ms Davies said.

She added that attitudes towards violence were ambiguous. While deploring its impact, some people found it and the criminals who perpetrated it fascinating. "Just look at the degree of public interest in the Frederick West case," Ms Davies said.

The survey follows Home Office figures that showed a 5 per cent rise in violent crimes for the year to June 1994, the smallest increase since 1988. It also comes in the wake of growing anxiety among broadcasters about screen violence. Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, has called for all channels to halt crime re-enactments until it can be established whether they add to viewers' fears of violence.

BR leaves vandals to walk home

MORE than 50 vandals had to walk eight miles home in the freezing cold on New Year's Day after British Rail told a train driver not to stop at their station.

Earlier in the day the vandals had smashed two reinforced glass compartment doors and wrecked a lavatory when they travelled from Andover, Hampshire, to Whitchurch. They also overturned all the plant tubs at Andover station.

When the guard of the damaged train heard that they intended to return on the last train to Andover he tipped off his bosses and they told the driver not to stop at Whitchurch. Passengers travelling to Whitchurch were taken there by taxi from Basingstoke station.

British Gas harries clerk for £4 refund

A CLERK is being threatened with legal action by British Gas over £4 it claims she was overpaid in wages.

The company has written to Jane Brodie three times demanding the money back. Mrs Brodie, 26, of Carterton, Oxfordshire, said: "It is unbelievable they are chasing me for just £4 when the chief executive got that massive pay increase. It used to be such a good company to work for and I would not have left for the world. But now the way they are treating people is awful."

Mrs Brodie worked in the customer services department at the British Gas offices at Oxford, earning £6,000 a year for an 18-hour week. Last May, she was one of 30 office workers told that they faced redundancy. She subsequently took a full-time job as customer services manager for a toy-making firm.

After she received her final pay cheque from British Gas, the company wrote to her saying she had been overpaid by £4. She said: "I treated it as a joke. I could not believe they would waste time and money on such a letter." Mrs Brodie also ignored a second letter. On New Year's Eve, she received a third by recorded delivery, saying the matter would be put in the hands of solicitors unless she paid the debt. She said: "It is obviously a mistake on their part."

Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, was recently given a 76 per cent pay rise at the same time as the company was closing showrooms and cutting office staff. No one was available for comment at British Gas yesterday.

Knight set for theft trial at Old Bailey

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE former fugitive Ronnie Knight is scheduled to go on trial at the Old Bailey today accused of theft after a £6 million armed robbery that took place more than a decade ago.

Mr Knight, 60, who spent 11 years in self-imposed exile in Spain after the robbery at Security Express on Easter Monday, 1983, was arrested when he landed at Luton airport in May last year. He is accused of stealing £5,961,097 and with dishonestly receiving an unknown amount of cash from the robbery between April 3, 1983, and April 3, 1986.

Mr Knight first appeared in court in May last year after he was accompanied back from his villa on the Costa del Sol by representatives of a national newspaper.

Mr Knight, whose second wife was the actress Barbara Windsor, says that he is innocent of any involvement in the robbery at the London headquarters of Security Express in Shoreditch when one of the guards was doused with petrol and told that he would be set on fire unless he handed over the keys to the vault.

Mr Knight ran a nightclub, *R Knights*, in Fuengirola and in 1987 married his long-time girlfriend Sue Haylock, 42.

Biffen joins protest over Whitehall spending cuts

BY TONY DAWE

A DELEGATION from a county long considered part of the Tory heartlands descends on Whitehall today to tell ministers that their policies will close old people's homes, increase the size of school classes and reduce many services, including fire brigades.

John Biffen, a former Cabinet minister, will join Shropshire councillors of all parties in briefing former colleagues on the "devastating" effects of local government cuts demanded by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. Spending figures proposed by Mr Gummer last month will leave a £14 million shortfall in Shropshire's 1995-96 budget.

Most of the authorities hit hardest by government plans to increase council spending by only 0.8 per cent are Labour, but they include Shropshire, run jointly by Labour and Liberal Democrats. The Tories will need to make a big impression in the shire county if they are to win the next general election.

"If these cuts take place, it will be the Government which gets the blame," Mr Biffen, MP for Shropshire North, said. "This is not a profligate council, not a Lambeth up North."

David Curry, the Local Government Minister who will meet today's delegation, has described council protests at spending cuts as "an annual ritual" that ends with their "working within the limits effectively". But Sue Davis, Shropshire's Labour leader, said: "We have been badly treated for four years now. We are unanimous that the prospective level of cuts to schools' budgets is intolerable."

Graham Arnold, headteacher of Adams' School, Wem, said: "The effect of the proposed budgets is that classes will be increased in size and parents will have to contribute towards the cost of books and materials."

The proposed social services budget is being reduced by nearly £3 million. The council is reluctantly considering shutting four of its 30 old people's homes. Shropshire fire service could lose one of its five full-time crews.

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Win the trip of a lifetime to the biggest party in history

Today is day eight of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Date Line to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to book in 1999.

A second prize of a ten day stay for two in Fiji and the Cook Islands worth up to £7,000 and a third prize of two tickets chosen from any of the millennium party venues available to readers are also on offer.

Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties to help specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg, for instance, the money will help restore the Hermitage gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet.

You could, for example, celebrate the dawn of the new millennium while experiencing the delights of Singapore. The gala party includes lavish firework displays and dragon dances. Your stay at the renowned Westin Plaza Hotel, one of the city's most distinguished locations would cost £3,250 per person in 1999, but readers can secure their places now for £2,250 each. Commencing December 28, 1999, the cost includes air travel and hotel accommodation and your ticket to the gala party on New Year's Eve.



TOKEN 8



To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the celebrations, to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday. Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

Police chase man soaked in petrol

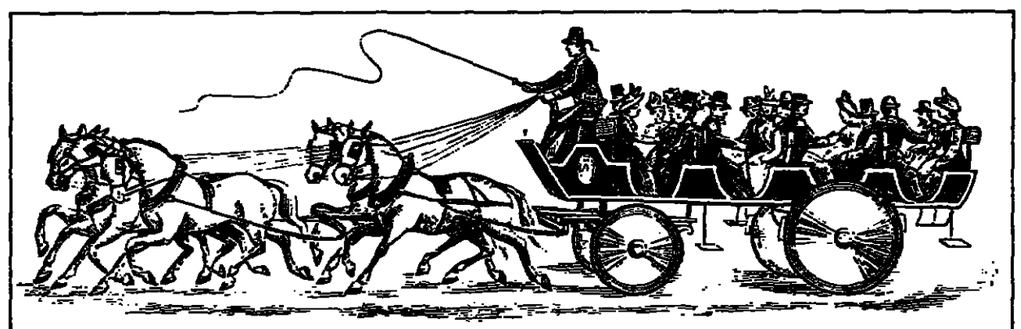
A MAN doused himself in petrol and threatened to set himself alight after police were called out to a reported assault at his home.

When officers arrived at the house in Sunderland, the man, 36, ran into his garage and poured a can of petrol over himself. He threatened to set himself on fire with a cigarette lighter, telling the policemen to keep away.

The man then drove off in his car, and three police cars gave chase for nearly an hour through the city's streets in the early hours of New Year's Day. The man was eventually stopped in the car park of Sunderland General Hospital.

All three police vehicles were damaged, and one officer was slightly injured in a collision as the pursuit ended.

A spokesman for Sunderland police said: "We arrested a 36-year-old man who is now receiving medical treatment. The fire brigade were put on stand by after he doused himself with petrol."



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NHS abortions rise as managers take control

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

RECORD numbers of women are having abortions through the NHS as senior staff divert funds from other areas to pay for them.

Since 1989, the number of NHS abortions has risen by 9,000 to almost 80,000, the highest level since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967, despite a fall in the total number of abortions.

It is thought that the increase is caused by the greater influence of young, sexually active managers on health service spending. Under the NHS reforms, managers have taken over responsibility for setting the level of service from older, mostly male, gynaecologists, who were reluctant to become involved in dealing with unwanted pregnancies. The feeling by many gynaecologists that abortion was unethical or distasteful had led to wide regional variations in the provision of NHS services.

Managers, who have grown up in an era in which abortion was widely available, are more likely to understand the stress caused by an unwanted pregnancy, according to David Faintin, chairman of the abortion research charity Birth Control Trust. The trust's latest figures show the proportion of NHS abortions, at 57 per cent of the total in 1992, to be at the highest level since 1971.

The increase is occurring despite an overall fall in the number of abortions because of a decrease in the population aged 15 to 30. Abortions peaked at 174,000 in 1990, falling to 160,500 in 1992. Most are performed on women in their late teens and twenties, whose numbers were rising between the mid-1970s and 1989 but are now declining.

In the South West Thames region, 41 per cent of abortions are paid for by the NHS compared with 79 per cent in the South Western region. In the North Western region, 45 per cent are paid for by the NHS compared with 85 per cent in the Northern region and 90 per cent in Scotland.

Mr Paintin, emeritus reader in obstetrics and gynaecology at St Mary's Hospital, London, and chairman of the trust, said: "The main factor affecting provision has been the attitude of the consultant gynaecologists. If they see unwanted pregnancy as a serious stress in a woman's life they will gather resources to run an abortion service. But if they feel it is unethical or merely distasteful they will concentrate their efforts in other directions.

"The increase in NHS abortions of the last few years is almost certainly due to the fact that non-medical managers, who now purchase care, see the need more clearly than consultant gynaecologists. Four out of ten women have had an abortion by the age of 45 and it is quite likely that some female purchasers have had that experience and know the pressures, while the mainly male consultants with their upper middle-class backgrounds are more insulated from the stresses of life."

Under the Abortion Act, any woman seeking a termination, whether NHS or private, must be examined by two doctors, who are required to ascertain that continuing the pregnancy would threaten the woman's physical or mental health, or that of any of her children, to a greater extent than ending it.

Mr Paintin said that despite the rise in NHS abortions the need was not being met in many areas. "Most of these women are young, few have large incomes and they deserve prompt and sympathetic help from the NHS. We don't want to force gynaecologists to do abortions or to allocate extra beds. It is better to contract the work out to charities, who already do 45 per cent of abortions and are probably cheaper than the NHS."



ALBAN DONOHOE

Russell Keeley with Sam, the 14-year-old tabby that survived being put to sleep



Hasna: raised alarm after mother killed



Amina Khatun: killed by callers to house

Police guard girl who saw murder

BY RICHARD DUCE

A GIRL aged three was under police guard at a secret address last night after telling detectives that she witnessed the murder of her mother by three women.

Hasna Khatun told police that the women beat her mother Amina in their home in Washington, Tyne and Wear, on Friday night. This has placed the girl in a vulnerable position, reminiscent of the Oscar-winning film *Witness*, in which a child sees a murder and has to be protected from the killers.

Specially trained officers and a Bengali interpreter interviewed Hasna, who speaks no English, for an hour in front of a video camera. Detective Superintendent Ian Lynch, who is leading the inquiry, said: "We are very hopeful that, as a result of the interview we have had with the child, we can progress on a number of leads."

Mr Lynch said Hasna could be in danger: "Steps have been taken to ensure the safety of that child." He added that Hasna had been traumatised by what she had seen and police were not sure if they would be able to conduct further interviews. "Hasna will be examined and spoken to by a specialist and that will determine whether we can talk to her again." Under the Criminal Justice Act, her videotaped evidence could be used in court.

Hasna has told police that the three women were "fossa", a term which means non-Asian or that their clothing was casual or scruffy. She said she was watching television last Friday with her sister Henna, who is nearly two, and her brother Sabir, ten months, when a black woman, whom she described as pretty and wearing a black dress, called at the house. But after the visitor was welcomed in, a fight broke out between the two women.

The caller was then joined by two other women. Hasna used the word "marser" which means her mother was then stabbed, kicked or punched. Police said the mother's throat had been slashed.

The alarm was raised after a relative telephoned to wish the family a happy new year and Hasna said her mother had been attacked.

Hasna's father Nurul Ahmed, who was working at a restaurant at the time of the attack, was yesterday comforting his two other children.

Refugees survive in sight of home

BY JOHN YOUNG

KATICA VUKSAN and four members of her family are living in a small prefabricated building in Pisarovina near Zagreb. On fine days, they can see, less than two miles away, the home in Lasinje they were forced to flee after fighting erupted in Croatia in 1991.

Ms Vuksan is one of about 400,000 refugees in Croatia alone. "Four years ago I had everything," she said. "A nice family, a big home and farm and a good life. Now we have nothing.

"Our husbands and brothers are killed, children and elderly people are displaced. Our homes are destroyed, our villages are occupied and we are living in former army barracks, hotel rooms or temporary settlements.

"We have no more hope. Everybody is promising that we will return but that seems far away. Peace negotiators come from all over the world to try to find solutions, and our politicians are also offering plans but all without result. We are sitting doing nothing and waiting." According to Dr Adalbert Rebic, of the Croatian government office for displaced persons, about 10 per cent of the population are homeless in the former Yugoslav republic and nearly 60,000 have fled abroad.

The International Red Cross is working to provide activities for the refugees and to counter social and psychological problems such as alcoholism. It is also providing monthly parcels containing food and hygiene supplies.

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Cat comes back from the dead

A CAT that was put to sleep with a lethal injection came back to life the next day.

Russell Keeley, 55, and his wife Pat, 60, reluctantly decided to have their 14-year-old tabby Sam put down when it became ill. Guy Lown, a vet, visited their home in Ipswich to give Sam an injection and declared it dead when its heart stopped beating.

Mr Keeley, a former hospital worker, put the body in a box but the next day when he opened it for a last look he saw the cat's whiskers twitching. He said: "I heard miaows and I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw he was alive. He actually seems to have got better. He has started eating again and has had a whole rabbit in the last couple of days."

The vet offered to give Sam another injection to finish him off, but the couple refused. Mr Keeley, who says he will not pay the £34 bill for the first injection, said: "There was no way we were going to have him put down again."

Mr Lown, of the Highcliff veterinary practice in Ipswich, said: "I gave the cat a lethal dose. It should have been enough to kill it instantly. I was incredibly surprised when Mr Keeley told me it was still alive. The chances of this happening must be several million to one. I can only presume that the cat was just in a very deep coma."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Strangers in suicide pact saved

A man and a woman who met as strangers discussed their separate domestic difficulties and decided to engage in a suicide pact, police said yesterday. They were rescued by two policemen who investigated their parked car.

PC Mark Cawthorne and PC Ian Ward were patrolling in Bretton Sculpture Park near Wakefield. They found the unnamed man, 31, and woman, 38, from Barnsley in the car and a pipe leading from the exhaust. The officers smashed a window, dragged them out and gave first aid until an ambulance arrived.

Historic note

Beach House in Felixstowe, Suffolk, where Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson for several secret rendezvous before his abdication in 1936, has been demolished. It will be replaced by 14 flats with extensive sea views.

Back in custody

A ceremonial truncheon presented to the Mayor of Cambridge in 1909 by local police and which went missing soon afterwards has been returned after police in London seized it at a street brawl where it was being used as a weapon.

Stumping up

An 1864 first edition of Wisden is expected to make up to £2,000 in an auction of cricket memorabilia belonging to the late Hal Cohen, a Birmingham dentist, that could fetch £150,000 at Phillips in Bath on January 26.

Death remand

A boy aged 15 was remanded in custody by Bridgend Youth Court, Mid Glamorgan, charged with the murder on New Year's Eve of Alan Bennetta, 36, who died from a single stab wound in a street attack at Llangeinor.

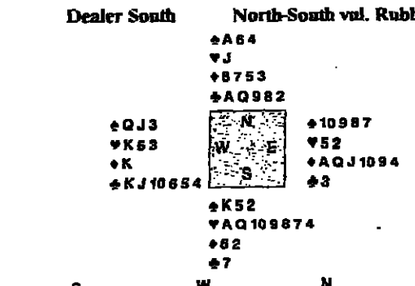
Post dated

Patricia Brookes, 72, of Cambridge, has just had three postcards delivered: one from a friend in Germany and one from her daughter in France, both with 1993 postmarks, and the third from friends in Glasgow, posted in 1992.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South **North-South vul. Rubber bridge**



S	W	N	E
1♥	2♣	Dble (1)	2♠
2♥	Pass	3♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦K

(1) Penalty.

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I was South. My partner and I missed a good game — the king of clubs is very likely to be with West, and failing that East might have the king of hearts either doubleton or singleton. So where did we go wrong?

When the hand occurred, North thought he had done well to raise to Three Hearts, and I was inclined to take the blame. Now that I look at it again I'm not so sure — admittedly I have got a seventh heart and excellent intermediates (important — because North will have poor hearts, having doubled the opponents in Two Clubs).

On the other hand, my point count is absolutely minimum. I'm coming round to the view that North should have bid Four Hearts — after all I did bid freely over Two Diamonds when North's hand might have been completely useless for me. For a double of Two Clubs, North's hand is very suitable for play opposite a long heart suit.

☐ From February 10-19 I will be playing in the Malta International Bridge Festival. The organisers claim there is a reasonable chance of good weather. For details contact M Dix (fax 010-356 373683) or Paula Clarke at Thomas Cook (071-408 4151, fax 071-408 4299).



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Conquest at Hastings

In the challengers' tournament at Hastings, Stewart Conquest of Bristol leads with 4.5 points after five rounds.

Sixteen-year-old Harriet Hunt of Oxford distinguished herself in round four by defeating James Plaskett of Bedford, a grandmaster and former British champion.

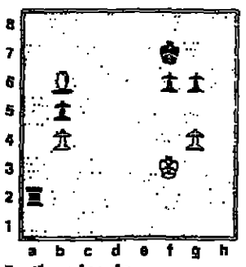
White: James Plaskett
Black: Harriet Hunt
Hastings, January 1995

English Opening

1	Nf3	d5
2	c4	e6
3	b3	Nf6
4	Bb2	c5
5	e3	Nc6
6	cxd5	exd5
7	Bb5	Bd6
8	Ne5	Qc7
9	f4	0-0
10	Bxc6	bxc6
11	0-0	Nd7
12	Nxd7	Bxd7
13	Qc2	Rfe8
14	Nc3	f6
15	Na4	d4
16	Rfe1	dxe3
17	dxe3	Re7
18	Nac5	Rae8
19	Nxd7	Qxd7
20	Rad1	Rxe3
21	Qc4+	Kh8
22	Rxe3	Rxe3
23	Kf1	Qe8
24	Qd4	Bc7
25	Qxa7	Re7
26	Qf2	Qh5
27	Qf3	Qxh2
28	Bd4	Qh1+
29	Bg1	Bb6
30	Qf2	Qh5
31	Qf3	Qb5+
32	Qd3	Rd7
33	Qxb5	Rxd1+
34	Ke2	cxb5
35	Bxb6	Ra1
36	b4	Rxa2+
37	Kf3	kg8
38	f5	g6
39	hg6	hxg6
40	g4	Kf7

White resigns.

Diagram of final position



Luther leads

In the top section at Hastings, the Vera Menchik memorial tournament, the lead is held after five rounds by Thomas Luther, the German grandmaster, who has 4 points.

Sharing second place are John Nunn and Alisa Maric, both on 3.

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Iran ready to rip down TV dishes in war on 'indecent West'

Islamic activists have persuaded the Tehran parliament to outlaw viewers' satellite equipment. But the attempt to keep out foreign programmes looks doomed, Michael Binyon writes

By Michael Binyon
diplomatic editor

IRAN, at the forefront of the campaign by Islamic activists to turn back the tide of Western influence, announced yesterday it was ready to tear down all satellite dishes after parliament passed a law at the weekend banning their import and distribution.

The parliamentary Bill, which will become law when ratified by the Council of Guardians next week, empowers the Ministry of Islamic Guidance to "safeguard cultural boundaries of the country and of its families against destructive and indecent satellite programmes".

The law gives satellite users a month to remove their dishes or face prosecution. Ali Muhammad Besharati, the Interior Minister, said police would move in after that date. A police helicopter flew over several districts of Tehran yesterday to pinpoint houses and flats fitted with dishes, and Muslim militias have also drawn up lists of owners, who face fines of up to £1,000 for disobeying the new law.

There are an estimated 250,000 satellite dishes in Tehran and more in other large cities. Some three million people are now regularly tuning in to Western broadcasts. Iranian clerics have denounced Western, mainly American, satellite programmes as pornographic and corrupting, and for months have been agitating for a ban on all satellite equipment.

The demand has met strong passive resistance from educated, middle-class Iranians, who watch Western programmes as an escape from the boredom of the puritanical regime. Some officials have also given a warning that banning dishes would force people to watch Western stations clandestinely. Iran has attempted to meet the demand by producing its own programmes, but these adhere to the rigid religious guidelines on what can be portrayed, and carry only official information.

Many Muslim and Third World countries are increasingly worried by the rapid spread of Western satellite broadcasting, which is seen as a form of cultural imperialism. So persuasive are the images of Western lifestyles, and so hooked are many people on soap operas, that the programmes have begun to influence fashion, taste, music, material demands, ways of thinking, and even — as many governments feared — political attitudes.

In Tehran's parliamentary debate, Nafiseh Fayaz-Bakhsh, a woman deputy, said: "I have heard some barber shops and beauty salons say, 'Our customers, especially young ones, ask us for the make-up, hair cut or dress style of last night's programme on satellite television.' When a 15-year-old or 18-year-old sees attractive programmes by satellite, when he or she listens to CNN or BBC news . . . will they be willing to listen to our news?"

Iran has stepped up customs controls to stop the smuggling of satellite dishes, whose cost, before the ban, had fallen to about £290.

The main armed opposition group, the People's Mujahidin, based in Iraq, denounced the ban as state repression, saying it showed that foreign information posed a threat to the Tehran regime.

Saudi Arabia has also tried to curb the spread of satellite dishes, and last March passed a law banning their import or manufacture after strenuous complaints by religious leaders. The Saudi Government called for the compulsory sale of all existing dishes, and said satellite programmes that conformed to Saudi "religious and social values" would instead be shown on cable television.

The attempts by governments to prevent popular access to Western television appears doomed to fail, as dishes become smaller, smuggling grows, and the amount and variety of programmes broadcast by satellite increase. The BBC has recently increased the output of World Service Television, and plans a further big expansion this year, with an increase in regional programming. The BBC Arabic service has already begun, using a satellite controlled by Saudi interests.

☐ **Dubai:** Cash-strapped Saudi Arabia yesterday announced more price increases for public services aimed at boosting revenue in 1995 and introducing fiscal discipline in the kingdom, the world's largest oil producer. Telephone charges went up and tickets for domestic air travel on Saudia, the state carrier, rose in price by 10 per cent for economy class and 20 per cent for first class. *(Reuter)*

Rabin compromise angers settlers and Palestinians

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN AL-KHADER, WEST BANK

IN AN ambiguous response to Palestinian protests, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday that the Government was freezing settler building on a disputed West Bank hilltop but would allow it to proceed on another nearby site.

The announcement, made in parliament by Mr Rabin, gives the Efrat settlement south of Bethlehem a chance to build a new neighbourhood, but will block the settlers from building on a hilltop overlooking the Palestinian town of al-Khader.

Mr Rabin said the original construction site "clearly was not a natural extension of Efrat" and that the new neighbourhood would be located about a mile closer to the settlement.

Saeb Erakat, a senior Palestinian negotiator, said the decision did not go far enough because it left the door open for a compromise between the Government and the settlers by allowing them to build at another site. "Mr Rabin can't solve the problem by moving bulldozers from one hilltop to another," he said. "Rabin has to make clear, and the Israeli people must know, it's either settlements or peace."

He added: "The issue is not al-Khader. The issue now is of settlements in the West Bank, including around Jerusalem. If they decide to extend settlements, I think the peace process will become meaningless." Aharon Domb, spokesman for the Jewish settlers, threatened to ignore Mr Rabin's decision. "If the Government sends the army to stop us, it will be their problem," he said.

Mr Rabin said his decision was motivated by a desire to reach a peaceful accommodation with Palestinians while at the same time preserving Israeli control over all of Jerusalem. The Cabinet was scheduled to reconvene yesterday evening to discuss the plan, which appeared to steer a middle path between hawkish and dovish ministers.

"We would like to arrive at peace, to an arrangement, but we do not want a bi-national state and therefore we say 'no' to the complete biblical land of Israel," he told parliament. "At the same time, we do not want to withdraw to the 1967 lines."

Soldiers yesterday evicted Palestinian protesters from a car park close to the site of the disputed settlement and sent them back to al-Khader.

Israeli soldiers shot dead a gunman of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, near Hebron yesterday. Palestinian and Israeli military sources said. The dead man was Bassam al-Masalmeh, 25, from Beit Awwa. Another man, 50, from the same village was reportedly injured in the incident.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud Party, said Mr Rabin's decision marked a caving in to Palestinian pressure. "We see here a government that backs away not only from its decisions, we see a government that is backing away from Zionism," he said.

On Sunday, in a televised address marking the 30th anniversary of the founding of his Fatah movement, Yassir Arafat said: "We should stand in the face of any attempts to impose a de facto situation that precedes talks on the final status. The continuation of settlement activities . . . like those in al-Khader mean a premeditated attempt to kill the peace process."

Israeli settlers had said that they would fight any decision to stop construction, even if it were only temporary, and hinted at violence. "We will defend the continuation of development and building here as a man defends his home," said Hanan Porat, a right-wing MP who lives near Efrat.

Just 12 miles south of Jerusalem, Efrat, a settlement of 6,000, is part of the Gush Etzion bloc that many Israelis consider a part of greater Jerusalem, and hope to incorporate inside Israel as part of a peace settlement. Settlers in Efrat say they purchased the land legally. Palestinians in al-Khader claim the land has been theirs for generations and that they have deeds to prove it. They see the construction on the 150-acre plot as the creation of the first new settlement since the peace accord signed with Israel in 1993.

Daily protests at the site came to a head last Friday when protesters tried to break through an army line to reach the disputed site. Eleven Palestinians and seven Israelis were injured.

Settlers argue that stopping the building will set a dangerous precedent, leading to the halting of other building projects on disputed land around Jerusalem and signalling to the Palestinians that they can get more land.

"We fought very hard to be here, and we want to remain here," declared Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, an American immigrant from New York who is the head of the religious community in Efrat.

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CARTOONISTS AND WRITERS SYNDICATE



Signe of the Philadelphia Daily News portrays Yitzhak Rabin and Yassir Arafat trying to keep the peace process alive in the teeth of impatient opponents



Isabelle Autissier being welcomed yesterday by a member of her shore crew at Edinburgh air base in Adelaide, where she was flown after being rescued from her crippled yacht halfway between Australia and Antarctica

Saved yachtswoman vows to sail on

Adelaide: Isabelle Autissier, the French solo yachtswoman, pledged yesterday to return to sea as soon as possible after being rescued from a five-day ordeal on a rudderless yacht in rough seas.

Mme Autissier, 38, the only woman in the BOC Round the World Solo Challenge race, was winched off the deck of her *Ecureuil Poitou Charentes II* by an Australian navy helicopter and then flown to Adelaide yesterday.

Her ordeal began on Wednesday when a huge wave rolled her boat 360 degrees in a gale, halfway between Australia and Antarctica, snapping the masts, and tearing a big hole in the deck of the ocean racer. She told the helicopter crew: "I am here because of you and I will never forget that." She said her main concern now was retrieving her yacht if possible. "This boat represents three years of my life." A trawler is to try to salvage the yacht.

Mme Autissier won the first leg of the race from South Carolina to Cape Town. She would "like to do the third leg if you can get the boat". *(AFP/Reuter)*

Bankrupt Rwanda regime watches with dismay as aid flows to foes

FROM TOM WALKER IN KIGALI

STANDING more than six feet tall, Major Rose Kabuye, the new prefect of Kigali, commands respect. "Don't make any jokes with her," a secretary said.

There is little enough to laugh at for the new Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) administration in the bullet-scarred capital. Ministries have no water and the electricity supply is sporadic: most windows are smashed and government statements are printed on the back of already-used paper.

For Major Kabuye, it is difficult to understand. Five months ago, she stood in her battle fatigues guarding the city's King Faisal hospital, an AK47 at her side, a proud liberator. Now she sits, sharp-suited, in her civic office, watching while the international community disperses millions of pounds in aid to Hutu refugee camps outside the country. Among the recipients are the thugs she helped to defeat. They get international assistance, the Government does not.

"People seem to have misunderstood our position," she said. "We're told that before we can have aid, we have to give these people amnesty, we have to let them back. Since June we have received nothing from any foreign country. We rely on aid agencies."

The bankrupt Government's grip is slipping. Soldiers of the Rwandan Patriotic Army run amok in the countryside, jealous and vengeful. But there is no prospect of bringing in a more moderate gendarmerie, because there is no money to train anybody.

Charming and intelligent as Major Kabuye is, as a representative of a popularly detested military Government she will be hard-pressed to woo donors. Moreover, Rwanda is on the front line between anglophone and francophone Africa, and backers such as France and Belgium are uneasy at seeing a largely English-speaking administration with strong links to Uganda.

"People exaggerate the Ugandan influence," said Major Kabuye, who trained and fought a guerrilla war from that country. "Most of our arms and money we have to raise ourselves, from communities in places like Belgium." She has been a soldier since 1986, and is proud of it. "Yes, I've used a gun. And sometimes I wear my medals."

Although herself a Tutsi, she denies that the RPF Government is controlled by the minority tribe, pointing to several Hutus in prominent positions, including the President and Prime Minister. "I admit the ethnic gulf is now wider, after the war. But I think there has to be a peaceful solution. If we have good leaders, and work in the interests of the people, then we can do it. It's up to us."

It will be a bitter pill to swallow, but the RPF is facing up to the prospect of many perpetrators of genocide coming back into Rwanda as free citizens. "We know an international tribunal will be soft on these people," she said. "But we're not standing on the border stopping them coming back. In fact we're begging the Hutus to return."

At 34, Major Kabuye expects to run her full five-year term of office, undaunted by the threat of a Hutu reprisal. "Am I worried?". She laughed. "It won't happen again."

WORLD SUMMARY

Killing fields 'return'

Angkor Chum: The rebel Khmer Rouge, which was responsible for a reign of terror in the 1970s, has seized thousands of civilians and killed hundreds in the past three months in its fight against Cambodia's elected Government, according to officials and defectors in this town.

A Khmer Rouge directive seized by Cambodian troops and shown to government officials orders the guerrillas to capture civil administrators, keep them on rations of less than an ounce of rice a day, force them to recite propaganda and eventually kill those who do not disavow the Government.

Under Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge was blamed for hundreds of thousands of deaths from illness, overwork and executions in the "killing fields" when it ruled Cambodia in the 1970s. Since being toppled by a Vietnamese invasion in 1978, the Khmer Rouge has fought to overthrow successive Phnom Penh administrations. *(AP)*

Mystery over deadly gas

Tokyo: Japanese police have discovered more traces of a deadly nerve gas that killed seven people last summer. It emerged recently that a chemical compound of the gas, sarin, has been found at a village near Mount Fuji, where local people complained of breathing difficulties and nausea (Andrew Marshall writes).

Last June seven people died and 44 were taken to hospital after a mysterious emission of sarin, originally developed by Nazi scientists, in nearby Nagano prefecture. The authorities have been unable to trace the source of either emission.

China blood bank racket

Hong Kong: Chinese children and peasants have been kidnapped and forced to give blood for sale to hospitals (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

A Chinese newspaper reported yesterday the smashing of a three-member gang which, for the past year, had abducted children and peasants in the northeastern city of Tianjin.

The local *Evening News* said victims were forced to supply up to three-quarters of a pint of blood every other day, which was sold to hospitals.

Militants kill eight police in Egypt

FROM REUTER IN ASSIUT

SUSPECTED Muslim militants disguised as police shot dead eight policemen and wounded at least two others in four attacks in Egypt yesterday.

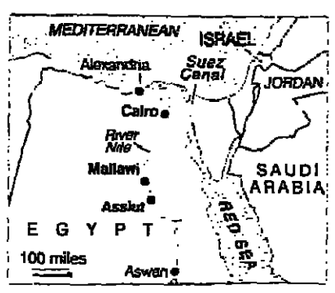
Three civilians were also killed and four injured in the attacks, which took place within an hour of each other near the Nile valley town of Mallawi, 160 miles south of Cairo. In all the attacks, gunmen stopped buses on the main road out of Mallawi to search for policemen on their way to work. In one attack, the gunmen ordered passengers off a public bus and shot dead five policemen by the roadside. Two civilians — a newspaper seller and a security guard — were killed by stray bullets.

The gunmen, in separate attacks, boarded three minibuses and killed three policemen after examining the identity papers of passengers.

Some of the policemen were hauled off the buses and killed outside while others were shot on board. A teacher on one of the buses was also killed and four other civilians were injured. The dead officers included conscripts, guards and members of the secret police. The gunmen took their weapons and escaped.

The attacks took place in the villages of al-Roda, Ezbet al-Tabut, Sangerg and Umm Kommos near Mallawi, which became a focus of clashes between police and militants at the end of last year.

Yesterday's death toll was one of the highest in a single day since Egypt's Muslim militants, bent on setting up an Islamic state, began their campaign of violence against foreign tourists and the forces of the moderate secular government of President Mubarak.



The attacks brought to nine the number of policemen killed by militants in the first two days of 1995 and to 670 those killed in political violence since 1992. Security officials in Mallawi suspect that the gunmen are members of Egypt's largest militant organisation, Gamaa al-Islamiya (Islamic Group), which has been targeting policemen in southern Egypt for two years.

In a similar attack on Sunday, suspected militants shot dead a policeman, travelling on a bus near Mallawi, in front of passengers. Ismail Zaki Gomaa, 51, was killed in the town of Abu Qorqas. None of the other passengers was hurt.

Cairo: Egyptian security forces have arrested 28 members of Gamaa al-Islamiya for demonstrating in support of one of their leaders, Adel Hussein, detained on charges of spreading militant Islamic ideas. Fifteen leading members were arrested in Kafr al-Dawar, an industrial city in the Nile delta, and 13 in a Cairo suburb. *(AFP)*

Mogadishu clans step up battle for port

Ousted Somali leader Barre dies in exile

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MOHAMED SIAD BARRE, Somalia's ousted President, died in exile in Nigeria yesterday as the clan strife wracking the country raged on unabated, hampering the withdrawal of battered United Nations forces.

Diriye Barre, one of the former President's sons, said he had "died a natural death" and was to be buried in his hometown of Garbahaarrey in southwest Somalia. General Barre, officially said to be 75 but thought to be ten years older, is survived by two wives and 19 children.

In Mogadishu, rival factions battled yesterday with artillery, rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns in a third day of fighting that has left at least 11 dead and 217 injured, hospital sources said in the Somali capital. The clashes between the Murusade and Agbal sub-clans of the larger Hawiye community erupted in the devastated city's southern Bermuda district. It was the latest bout of conflict to follow President Barre's ousting in January 1991.

Residents in the Bermuda district said the clash of recoilless cannon, heavy machineguns and the boom of mortars reverberated through the city as the militiamen battled to win access to the port before the UN troops withdraw. Fleeing civilians were caught in the crossfire.

Six people were killed in the fighting that began shortly after dawn. Five others died at the weekend, and the number of wounded rose to 217 on Monday from 103 on Saturday and Sunday, Somali doctors and UN sources in Mogadishu said. The condition of a Bangladeshi peacekeeper, hit by a stray bullet at the port, was described as stable. A stray shell damaged a roof at the airport on Sunday but did not delay the departure of the first group of 259 Malaysian peacekeepers. There are about 9,000 UN troops remaining in the country following the withdrawal of Indian and Zimbabwean forces.



Barre: died a "natural death" in Nigeria

UN troops are expected to abandon their fortified headquarters in Mogadishu this month and pull back to the port and airport, the staging posts for their departures.

The UN Security Council ordered all peacekeepers to leave by the end of March because of the failure of Somalia's warlords to agree on peace terms and formation of a new government.

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War lures Yeltsin's clique of cronies out from shadows

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MORE than three weeks after President Yeltsin ordered his troops into Chechenia, there is growing concern that the course of the bloody conflict is being determined by a clique of powerful Kremlin advisers.

Ever since the first of an estimated 40,000 Russian soldiers went into the breakaway republic, there has been confusion over exactly who ordered the operation and who is in day-to-day control.

On the surface, Moscow's attempt to reimpose authority on Chechenia is being handled by the country's so-called "power ministers", the heads of the defence and security agencies. General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, is personally overseeing military operations in the Caucasus republic, with the help of Viktor Yerin, the Interior Minister, and Sergei Stepashin, the counter-intelligence chief, who both have forces on the ground.

However, there are suspicions that, behind the scenes, an influential team of presidential advisers have emerged as the real decision-makers in the Kremlin. The most enigmatic figure is General Aleksandr Korzhakov, President Yeltsin's personal bodyguard for the past decade, who heads the Kremlin's security service. A former KGB officer, General Korzhakov has become more than a bodyguard. By President Yeltsin's own admission, he is the Russian leader's most trusted confidant, his favourite tennis partner, and never leaves his side.

Over the past few weeks, however, General Korzhakov has moved out of the shadows and flexed his muscles in public. First, he sent a paramilitary team to intimidate a potential political rival of the President. More recently, he wrote a letter to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, criticising him over the Government's plans to lift oil quotas.

Although the general recently denied that he is the real force behind the Kremlin walls, the suspicion remains that he had a decisive role in the ill-fated decision to use force in Chechenia.

The other key Kremlin figure is Oleg Lobov, a friend of President Yeltsin for 30 years who worked with the Russian leader when he headed the Communist Party in the Urals town of Sverdlovsk, since renamed Yekaterinburg. Mr Lobov, who has made no secret of his tough stand on Chechenia, is the secretary of the powerful Presidential Security Council, which approved the use of force.

What is concerning Russians is not so much that their leader relies on old friends for advice, but that President Yeltsin has withdrawn from view behind the walls of the Kremlin where a select group of people unaccountable to the public is deciding his policy.

"The country is being run by Yeltsin's cronies," said one former security officer, who shares the fears of many Russians that the Chechen crisis could lead to the return of authoritarian rule.

The war, which latest opinion polls indicate is opposed by two out of three Russians, may have destroyed Mr Yeltsin's chances of being re-elected. Once regarded as a populist figure, who shunned the trappings and privileges of power and courted the public, the President today rarely appears outside his cloistered environment. Only 13 per cent of Russians recently polled said that they trusted him.

Vitali Tretyakov, the editor of the daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* newspaper, said: "Moscow's political elite is expecting a coup, and it would be a surprise if this does not take place."

☐ **Bonn censure:** Germany yesterday added its voice to those of Britain and America in attacking Kremlin abuse of human rights in handling the Chechen crisis (Our Foreign Staff writes). Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, said: "We are saying to Russia that rights must be respected and everything must be done to avoid civilian casualties."

In Paris, the new French presidency of the European Union said that the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe may be called on to intervene in Chechenia, adding that negotiation was urgently needed.



General Aleksandr Korzhakov, left, keeping a watchful eye on President Yeltsin in Tokyo

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A Grozny defender brandishes the Chechen flag on top of a captured Russian armoured vehicle yesterday as Moscow's forces beat a retreat

Chechen rebels pierce armoured advance

FROM BILL GASPERINI IN GROZNY

CHECHEN fighters in Grozny are declaring at least a temporary victory in their war against the Russian forces that are trying to crush their bid for independence from Moscow.

The scene in central Freedom Square was eerily quiet yesterday after three rounds of intense fighting between Russian heavy armour and the lightly armed but highly motivated defenders. Groups of fighters gathered in front of the presidential palace, the main target of the huge Russian ground assault that began on New Year's Eve.

Some waved the green and red-striped Chechen flag from sandbagged windows of the palace. Others raised their Kalashnikov rifles and shouted their rallying cry, *Allahu Akbar*, meaning God is greatest. "They will never defeat us," said a burly and bearded fighter wearing green camouflage fatigues and a black ski cap. Everywhere the remains of battle were evident. There were blackened hulks of Russian tanks and other armoured vehicles. Bodies of Russian soldiers lay on the ground where they had fallen; others were incinerated in the bombed-out armoured vehicles.

Debris littered the streets, much of it masonry from buildings damaged or destroyed by aerial bombing raids as well as the heavy firepower the Russians deployed over the weekend as they blasted their way in.

In the distance, sounds of shooting could be heard, coming from outlying districts amid reports of house-to-house fighting. The Russians again emphasised their superiority in the air by carrying out fresh bombing raids.

It still is not clear if the current lull in the centre of the capital represents a tactical retreat by the Russians to regroup and prepare for another attack. There are unconfirmed reports that new paratroopers have arrived to bolster the Russian infantry force in the event of a new armoured assault on the city centre.

Given the huge display of military force so far, it seems likely that the Russians will press on with the attack, whatever the consequences. However, they are now aware of the high price to be paid at the hands of the Chechen fighters, despite the imbalance in terms of overall firepower.

The Chechen fighters work in small groups and are highly mobile. Their hand-held grenade launchers and anti-tank weapons have been put to good use against Russian armour. They also have an advantage of fighting on their home turf, coupled with an unyielding belief that their bid for independence is a just cause.

The war also claimed a new casualty among journalists covering the fighting. Vladimir Chitolenko of *Krasnaya Zvezda*, the Russian military daily, died at the weekend after being shot during street battles.

In the midst of the war, Grozny's remaining residents are trying to make do as best as they can, despite an almost total lack of basic services. There have been virtually no water or electricity supplies in most of the city for almost two weeks. Residents can often be seen carrying buckets during lulls in the fighting to fetch water from a broken main.

Buildings near the city's central avenue were heavily damaged in bombing raids just before Christmas, and the rubble is still strewn all about. Power and tramlines dangle from their poles, while several trees were felled during the bombing raids.

And still hanging over the whole city is the huge cloud of dense oil smoke from fires at several storage tanks and a refinery.

Sarajevo ceasefire disrupted by rocket

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SERB forces launched a shoulder-fired rocket into the Sarajevo Holiday Inn yesterday, a rare disruption of a ten-day-old ceasefire.

Fighting along Bosnia's 1,200-mile front line has virtually stopped since the ceasefire took hold on December 23. A cessation-of-hostilities agreement, designed to strengthen the ceasefire and allow the two armies to stand down, took effect at noon on New Year's Day. The agreement between the Muslim-led Bosnian Government and the Bosnian Serbs was also signed yesterday by the Bosnian Croats.

Sarajevo has been no exception to the unusual calm that has descended on Bosnia since the peacemaking mission of Jimmy Carter, the former American President. The city's tram service may resume in the next few days — a sign that once again a modicum of normality is returning.

Yesterday's rocket, which crashed into a third-floor room on the uninhabited side of the building, appeared to have been more political than military. "Somebody is sending a message," a United Nations officer said. The hotel is patronised almost exclusively by journalists.

While the ceasefire and cessation-of-hostilities accord appear likely to keep the guns relatively silent for the next weeks and possibly months, other tests of good will on both sides remain.

One will be the positioning of peacekeepers between the two sides, a sticky issue that is likely to prove considerably more difficult than realising the ceasefire.

A UN civilian spokesman said that it would be at least a month before any "blue helmet" troops took up positions between the two armies.

Other UN officials believe such a deployment may never happen because the Bosnian Government fears the Serbs would try to use it to strengthen their grip on the 70 per cent of the country they control.

The most critical test is freedom of movement for the UN. Although the Serbs have been more co-operative over convoys, UN forces are still far short of having absolute freedom of movement to deliver their troops' supplies or to provide humanitarian aid.

Little comfort for Clinton as he heads for home

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton proved yesterday that he can go home again. With his wife Hillary, he left Washington for three days in Arkansas, the source of many of their troubles.

While much of his schedule was described only as private time to be spent with old friends, it did include a reception last night at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, the state capital. This was the scene of the President's alleged encounter with Paula Jones, who is suing him for sexual harassment in one of the hotel rooms.

While Mrs Jones now lives in California, there are others still in Arkansas whom Mr and Mrs Clinton may be embarrassed to meet. They include James McDougal, their former partner in the Whitewater land development who was also owner of the failed Madison Savings and Loans institution.

A special prosecutor and a team of lawyers are engaged in trying to unearth any wrongdoing between Mr McDougal's dealings and funds that may have been diverted into Mr Clinton's campaign chest when he was running for the governorship of Arkansas.

A second special prosecutor is looking into the affairs of another man Mr Clinton used to see frequently in Arkansas. Don Tyson, head of the world's biggest poultry firm. This investigation was instigated after Mr Tyson allegedly offered sports tickets and other favours to the man in charge of regulating the poultry industry, the Secretary of Agriculture, Michael Espy, who has since resigned.

Mr Tyson's contributions to Mr Clinton were instrumental in helping him repeatedly win re-election as Governor and in backing his presidential campaign. The investigation was expanded after a Tyson pilot said he was the bagman for cash deliveries from Mr Tyson to Mr Clinton, a claim both men deny.

Other Arkansans have reason to regret being gathered up by Mr Clinton and taken to Washington on a wave of optimism two years ago. Joycelyn Elders was forced to resign as his Surgeon-General last month after suggesting schoolchildren might be taught about masturbation, her latest in a series of highly controversial remarks.

Three men are back in Arkansas after bruising experiences in Washington. They are Webster Hubbell, the President's golfing chum and Associate Attorney-General who recently pleaded guilty to fraud.

William Kennedy also ran into problems over non-payment of his nanny tax and is now back home in Arkansas. David Watkins, who lost his White House job after taking the presidential helicopter for a golf outing, is also now back on home turf.

Most tragic of all was Vincent Foster, the former law firm colleague of Mrs Clinton. He committed suicide.

These misfortunes have caused distress in Arkansas, where many knew the "victims" of the Clinton presidency personally. Yet there is still pride that the state rose above its hill-billy reputation to send a native son to the White House.

It will be on display tomorrow when Mr Clinton will dedicate the new William Jefferson Clinton Elementary School for gifted students in Sherwood, Arkansas.

Mr Clinton's microphone went dead on his arrival in Little Rock, forcing him to cut short his remarks to a welcoming crowd of supporters.

The President said he would have plenty of time to unwind, see old friends and drive around Arkansas during the trip home.

"I'm even going to have a few hours tomorrow where I'll have nothing on the schedule for the first time in years and years," he said.

The Clintons were staying at the Little Rock home of Mrs Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham.

Earlier the couple had seen in the new year with a brief stay at the Renaissance Weekend gathering in South Carolina where Mr Clinton arrived late for a seminar entitled: "What I'll do differently in 1995."

He listened, laughed occasionally, but offered no revelations of his own.



Scalfaro: awaiting answer to appeal

Italy braced for a battle of nerves

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE war of nerves between President Scalfaro and the caretaker Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, will escalate today when the head of state restarts talks on forming a new, broad-based government.

Signor Berlusconi was brooding yesterday over the appeal by the President to back down from his call for a general election in March. The closest ally of Signor Berlusconi, the neo-Fascist leader, Gianfranco Fini, said yesterday that the President's proposal to defer an eventual election until the electoral rules are reformed by an interim administration would betray the electors who voted in the media mogul's coalition.

Britain planned Indonesia attack

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN and Australia planned extensive bombing raids over Indonesia in 1964 if Jakarta had stepped up its confrontation with the new Malaysian Federation, secret documents have revealed.

The joint action was designed to knock out Indonesia's fledgeling air and naval strength in the event of a surprise attack on Malaysia, the Cabinet documents released in London and Sydney under the 30-year rule show.

The plan even envisaged that British and Australian military action could result in the disintegration of the Indonesian republic, reminiscent of Britain's nineteenth-century gunboat diplomacy.

At the time the Malaysian Federation, which was made up of an assortment of British colonial territories, including Singapore, was the victim of a series of raids by Jakarta on Sarawak on the island of Borneo, which was shared by Malaysia and Indonesia.

The aerial bombardment, codenamed Addington, would have been executed the moment Indonesia launched raids on Malaysian airfields, cities or military targets, with its newly acquired Soviet jet fighters and bombers.

The documents show Britain and Australia were anxious that the bombardment could have provoked Indonesia into retaliation against Australia, with air raids, sabotage, and commando incursions targeted against Darwin. The plan to destroy Indonesia's air and naval capabilities was one of several contingency plans designed to escalate gradually military action against Indonesia in response to any attack by President Sukarno.

Britain would have borne the brunt of the action by deploying its air force from land bases in Malaysia, Australia, and from aircraft carriers in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea. Darwin was envisaged for use by Australian or British aircraft to strike at more remote Indonesian airfields.

Australia agreed to contribute eight Canberra bombers and 28 Sabre fighters. New Zealand would have contributed six Canberras.

One Cabinet defence committee policy paper said: "In the event of [British and Australian] aircraft in Malaya being used in an offensive role, and of Darwin being used to mount air strikes against Indonesia, there will be the possibility of air attacks against Darwin port or airfield."

The papers also gave a warning of the possibility of a limited war against President Sukarno leading to the fragmentation of Indonesia into separate states. "An early detailed examination should be made therefore of the likely effects of the implementation [of the plan] on Australia's future relations with Indonesia as ... it is highly desirable that the Republic of Indonesia remain a viable entity."

Subway bomb plot 'was stuff of fiction'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE MAN accused of being the "mad bomber" who blew up a New York subway train was said yesterday to be an unpublished writer whose doodlings were outlines for science-fiction novels, not plans for a bloody extortion plot.

A lawyer for Edward Leary, who is in hospital with burns after being charged with firebombing the Manhattan subway train last month, said police misrepresented evidence seized at the suspect's home.

Unidentified police sources had told local newspapers that seized notes detailed plans for a "terror box" to be planted in a subway station and detonated by three hidden video cameras. The notes were said to be covered with doodles of frowning faces and bullet-riddled bodies. Some were reportedly signed: "Terror Mad Bomber".

But Stephen Murphy, Mr Leary's lawyer, said the notes were simply outlines for two novels drafted years ago by the unemployed computer systems analyst and he accused the police of leaking inaccurate information. "They're taking outlines to two novels that are so preposterous that nobody in their right minds could possibly think they're close to reality," he said.

"One is a high-tech suspense thriller involving a 'box' that's left in Grand Central [station] that's the size of a room, has all these cameras inside it and is supposed to be there so the Government would give housing to the homeless people," he said. "The idea is that it never goes off."

Mr Leary, 49, was arrested when a firebomb exploded on a train at Fulton Street station on December 21, injuring 48 people.

After finding the notes at Mr Leary's home in New Jersey, investigators said they believed he planned to extort money from the subway authority with a bombing campaign but that the bomb exploded prematurely as he tried to set the timer.

Mr Leary, who has third-degree burns over 40 per cent of his body, has been charged with 45 counts of attempted murder. He denies responsibility for the attack.

Mayor Barry, Washington's prodigal son, pledges fresh start

BY IAN BRODIE

WASHINGTON'S prodigal son, Marion Barry, was sworn in as the city's Mayor yesterday almost five years after he was forced out of office by an FBI "sting" that caught him on videotape smoking crack.

Trumpeting his theme of redemption and recovery from drug addiction, Mr Barry promised, during two days of inaugural events, that his second term would be different.

"God helped me get out of the valley," he told one congregation, "and I'm going to use the same prayers, the same vision to help the city overcome."

It will not be easy. A city with a black majority, America's capital is in far worse shape than when Mr Barry first became Mayor in 1979. The deficit is more than $500 million (£322 million). Prisons and foster care are so badly run that the courts have taken over their administration and are attempting to win control of public housing.

Washington has America's third-highest murder rate, although the 1994 total of 414 was a drop of 11 per cent. Population is falling at the rate of 150 a week, as middle-class whites and blacks escape to the suburbs.

Mr Barry bears much of the blame for Washington's decline. During his 12 years as Mayor, the city payroll swelled from 39,000 to 48,000 for a population of 590,000. Several associates were tried for corruption. His womanising, drug-taking and drinking were an open secret. Mr Barry served six months in prison for possessing cocaine. Yet legions of black voters remained loyal. His insistence that he now knows what it is like to be a victim resonates in black districts wracked by crime and drugs, where most poor families have suffered brushes with the law. He has promised to resign if his drug problems ever resurface. He has tended to blame white racism for the city's ills and after his primary victory his message to whites was: "Get over it."

Detractors say he will be unable to live up to his promises. Under the constitution, Congress retains final authority over Washington and the incoming Republican majority has a jaundiced view of the Mayor. Newt Gingrich, the new House Speaker, said that Mr Barry's victory was "a tragic moment for this country". Mr Barry pleaded with his critics yesterday to stop their carping and to believe in his renewed mission. He said: "Give me a chance to be successful, and with your help I will be."

In another swearing-in ceremony, George Pataki, who until a year ago was an obscure Republican state legislator, became Governor of New York state while Mario Cuomo, the defeated Democrat, looked on glumly. Mr Pataki thanked his predecessor for his three terms of "devoted service", but outlined a programme of spending and tax cuts, plus restoration of the death penalty, that ran counter to all Mr Cuomo's policies.

Mr Pataki will not have things all his own way, however, because liberal Democrats still control the lower house of the state assembly and have promised to block measures they consider too radical.



Barry: "God helped me out of the valley"

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What should a GP prescribe when the specialists disagree?

'So stiff I couldn't get my coat on'

Dr Kieran Sweeney on a rheumatic disease that is difficult to diagnose but for which a simple treatment can bring tremendous benefits in a matter of days

TONY STONE



A polymyalgia patient with a bad headache needs an urgent referral to an eye specialist

My octogenarian patient was clearly very proud to show me her dancing certificate. She had good reason to be, as barely six months earlier she had been unable to put on her raincoat without help. Indeed, it was when I was watching her struggle to get her coat on that I began to suspect the cause of her problems.

Looking back now, I was pretty slow to piece together her non-specific symptoms. At first she had said she felt generally tired and unwell: then she noticed that she was more stiff than normal in the mornings. But it's just old age, doctor, she said, and I was too quick to agree.

It was not until her third consultation that the trend in her symptoms became more obvious. "I'm just not right, it takes me half an hour to get dressed, and I'm right off my food." She was dreadfully stiff, and when questioned admitted that the only way she could get out of bed was to roll over and hope she did not fall.

She took two or three attempts to get herself out of the chair in my consulting room, indicating that her pelvic girdle muscles were stiff and weak. Her upper arm muscles were tender, but passive movements of her joints were quite easy: she did not have swollen or arthritic joints. The only classic symptom she did not have was night sweating.

Polymyalgia rheumatica — PMR — is a tricky disease. For a start, no one is quite sure how common it is. Few studies have been done from general practice, so the estimates of its prevalence, provided by hospital specialists, are based on populations which may be unrepresentative. Estimates vary tenfold, between 0.1 per cent and 1 per cent, and some specialists, such as the Oxford rheumatologist Dr Alistair Mowat, think it is overdiagnosed.

The trouble is that there is no definitive test which confirms the diagnosis. The ESR, a test which can be carried out in the surgery within an hour and measures the rate at which red blood cells settle to form a "sediment" in an upright sample, is usually raised — but it can be in many other serious conditions, such as bacterial infections, rheumatoid arthritis or myeloma, a malignant condition of the bone marrow. The diagnosis is ultimately one of exclusion: you have to test for these other conditions, which can mimic PMR, as well as testing for muscle inflammation, thyroid function, and doing a chest X-ray to make sure lung cancer, which occasionally has these symptoms, is excluded.

KEY SYMPTOMS

Polymyalgia rheumatica
- Severe muscle stiffness
- Muscle tenderness
- Loss of appetite
- Night sweats
- Fatigue
- Depression
- Raised ESR

Giant cell arteritis
- Severe headache
- Double vision
- Scalp tenderness

Steroids are the mainstay of treatment, but experts disagree as to how they influence the disease initially. "Many patients describe the response to steroids as a miracle," asserts Dr Jacqueline Curry, consultant rheumatologist at Hereford County Hospital. Failure to achieve such a response, she argues, may even mean that the diagnosis is incorrect. "It is a myth," counters Dr Mowat, writing in *Medicine International* recently, "that prompt or dramatic response to corticosteroid treatment confirms the diagnosis." He points out that many other serious conditions will respond to steroids in much the same way.

That is what makes the diagnosis of PMR difficult. You can have a patient who is generally unwell and pretty stiff, with a raised ESR and a rapid response to treatment, and still be worried that there may be another underlying complaint which the steroids might mask.

Most doctors agree, however, that prednisolone, a steroid, in doses of 15-20mg a day will successfully control symptoms of PMR. Higher doses are needed for the related, but potentially more serious condition of giant cell arteritis (GCA).

Although the exact pathological basis of PMR is not known — muscle biopsies, for example will not show changes specific to this condition — it probably shares with GCA a common basis in a disordered immune reaction. The two diseases co-exist in up to 50 per cent of patients, so much so that some specialists regard them as two forms of the same disease.

In GCA, however, a biopsy of the temporal artery will usually (but not always) show histological changes of tissue inflammation. It is this inflammation which causes the classic symptom of GCA, a severe headache, or more worryingly double vision or scalp tenderness, to such an extent that some patients find it too painful to wear their spectacles. The great worry in GCA is that the patient might lose the sight in an eye in which the artery feeding the retina becomes inflamed and blocked.

It is for this reason that much higher doses of steroids are used, commonly 40-60mg of prednisolone, when these symptoms appear either on their own, or particularly in someone with PMR. Some ophthalmologists might even advise double that. But steroids themselves might cause greater problems, as a recent editorial in the *British Medical Journal* cautioned. Doctors, it argued, use such high doses because they are afraid that a patient might go blind. A biopsy of the artery which is easily felt in the temple can be taken, but this does not always show positive when the disease is present.

Almost all doctors, faced with a patient with a raised ESR, severe headache yet normal biopsy would prescribe high-dose steroids, despite the problems associated with them. It is this kind of uncertainty that caused the *BMJ* editorial to describe management of GCA as "a combination of mystery and mystique". While urging that GCA is overtreated, it also asserted that it is *under*diagnosed, an interesting counterpoint to Dr Mowat's remark about polymyalgia.

Many patients correctly diagnosed as suffering from PMR will respond quite dramatically to steroid treatment: indeed, failure to improve within two or three days would probably make most doctors doubt their diagnosis. The aim of treatment in the long term is to help to control the patients' symptoms using the smallest effective dose of steroids. Side-effects, if high doses are maintained, may include weight gain, puffiness of the face, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, muscle weakness, and occasionally diabetes.

> Response to steroids is often described as a miracle

Initial high doses will quickly be lowered in polymyalgia, as long as the patient's symptoms continue to settle. Once the dose is around 10mg of prednisolone, the decrements are made more slowly. It usually takes about six months to get down to a relatively safe level of 7 mg of prednisolone in polymyalgia, and slightly longer in giant cell arteritis — about a year.

When can treatment with steroids be stopped? Clearly people do not want to be risking steroid side-effects unnecessarily, but some patients' symptoms will unexpectedly recur, sometimes quite severely. Unfortunately, one cannot predict which group of patients is more likely to suffer a recurrence, so doctors tend to be cautious about withdrawing treatment, certainly before 18 months. Most contemporary European studies suggest that about half of patients with either PMR of GCA are able to stop treatment after two years, but a significant proportion will still be on a very low dose, say 2 or 3 mg prednisolone, after four years.

Most specialists agree that continuing this very low level of treatment does not pose undue risks of side-effects. But there are sometimes problems helping patients who just cannot tolerate reducing their steroid dose, because the disease flares up, but who begin to develop steroid side-effects. These patients may be helped by taking azathioprine, a drug which suppresses the body's immune system, and allows the disease to be controlled by smaller doses of steroids. Fortunately, this complication is rare.

Who should care for patients with these debilitating diseases: specialists or general practitioners? In articles written by rheumatology specialists the line is "we usually like to see them just to make sure everything is OK". When GPs are asked to comment they are usually happy to manage the uncomplicated cases, such as my octogenarian, who who did very well on medication. But everyone agrees that patients suspected of having giant cell arteritis should be referred to an ophthalmologist urgently.

Not everyone with a headache has giant cell arteritis, of course, and not everyone who is stiff has polymyalgia. Common conditions occur commonly, and almost everyone over 75 has some arthritis of the neck, back and limbs which could produce all these symptoms. Tiredness, temporary loss of appetite and indeed depression are all very common in older people, and do not necessarily point to PMR.

Treating polymyalgia can be rewarding for the doctor as well as the sufferer. One patient who responded swiftly to steroids and had no other positive tests rushed into my consulting room and gave me a huge hug, she felt so well. Who said general practice was all work and no play?

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Flu — or just feeling blue?

Seasonal office absences . . . and foot-and-mouth fears for humans

ON THE Christmas edition of *Desert Island Discs*, David Jason, Del Boy in *Only Fools and Horses*, told listeners that when working in pantomime, he learnt that no Christmas season was complete without a dose of a heavy cold if not flu. Other workers could nurse their symptoms by their firesides; but actors had little chance of avoiding an epidemic: playing two houses a day ensured their immune system was confronted by every virus in the district. When a player finally succumbed, he or she still had to go on stage to make the children of Newcastle or Norwich rock with laughter and scream with delight.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The absentees this morning from offices and factories might be recovering from the same seasonal infections, but they could be staying at home, sparing other people their infections. In some cases, the problem might be deeper.

If it is an older worker who has not returned from the long break, or one who has diabetes, chronic lung or kidney disease or an immune system compromised by disease or steroids, the reason may be that they have had the flu but that their recovery has been delayed. The winter respiratory diseases that fit people may shake off comparatively easily need to be treated early with antibiotics.

For every person whose late return has a physical cause, there are likely to be others whose absence is for psychological reasons. Everybody is exhorted to review their lifestyle at this time of the year. The reality is that whatever may be resolved, many lives will be no different. The job will be as, but probably no more, demanding than it was before the Christmas-new year break, but the difference will be that those nine days at home may have given an inkling that life could be more bearable away from the rat race. For those who are potentially depressed, the thought of returning to last year's difficulties may be too much. The doctor's problem in the diagnosis and analysis of these cases of depression is to decide just how much of it is related to the patient's situation and how much to their personality.

Sometimes, doctors are reluctant to recognise that patients whose troubles are making them unhappy may also suffer from clinical depression severe enough to warrant, and to respond to, treatment.

Seriously rash reaction

ANY mention of foot-and-mouth disease conjures up, for an older generation, memories of the funeral pyre for slaughtered beasts, the stench of burning flesh and the digging of limed pits for the animal's ashes. Little wonder that there was some alarm in Norfolk recently when the local press reported an outbreak of hand-foot-and-mouth disease affecting hundreds of children and adults.

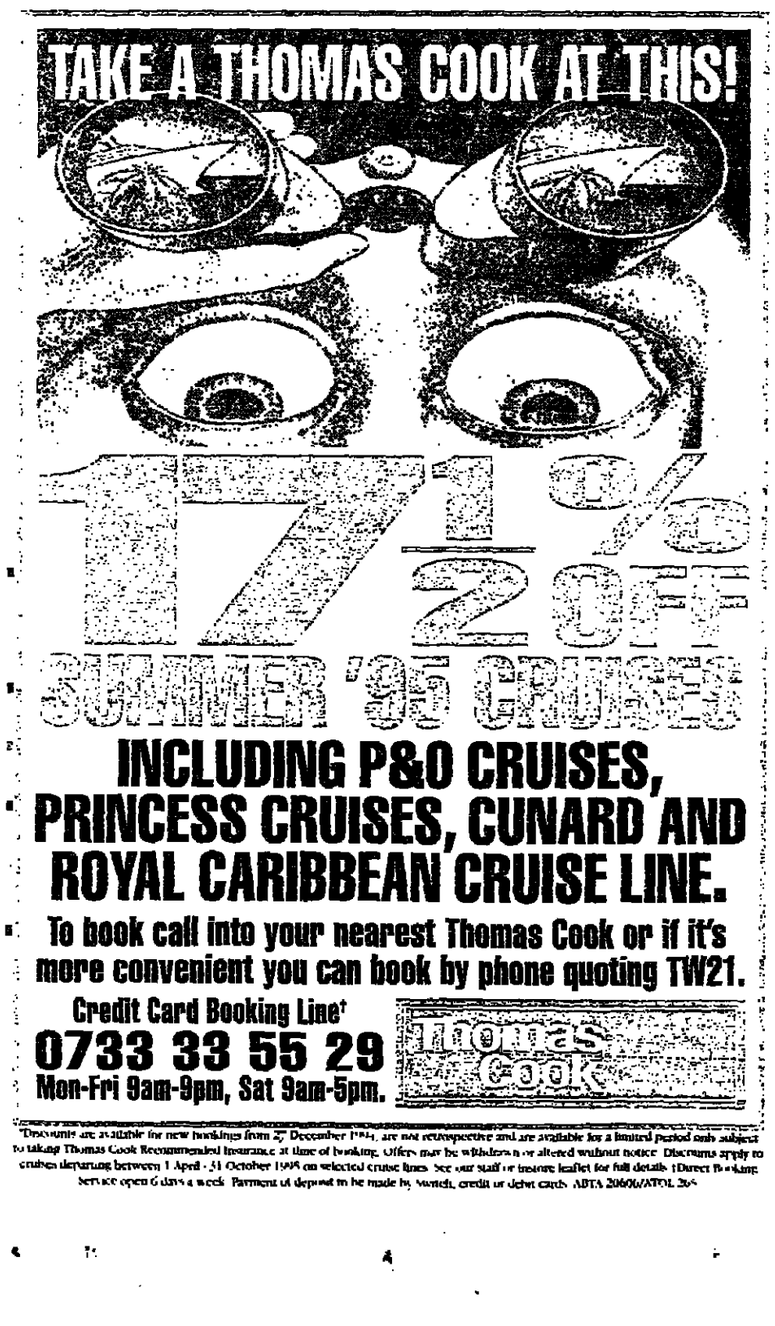
The alarm is misplaced; the organism, Coxsackie virus A16, which causes hand-foot-and-mouth disease in humans, has nothing to do with the foot-and-mouth disease of cloven-footed animals. The only similarity within the diseases is in their name. Coxsackie viruses are one of the enteroviruses; there are 23 different known types of the Coxsackie virus.

Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is more common in children than adults. As epidemics usually occur in hot summer weather, it is possible that this year's outbreak may be related to the exceptionally warm autumn. The patient initially suffers from a sore throat and high fever, indistinguishable from flu until blisters, and later grey ulcers, appear on the palate, inside of the mouth, and on the soles of the feet and palms of the hands. The rash can also affect the back of the hands and fingers, particularly the nail folds, and the armpits. In children, the nappy area may be involved.

The Coxsackie virus A16 infects the cells in the intestinal tract and is excreted in the faeces. The spread of infection is not confined to the faeco-oral route, but when the mouth is involved it may also be disseminated by droplet infection and inhalation.

Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is a mild disease in children who usually recover in a few days, but in adults recovery may be delayed for a week or two. There is no specific treatment, and no vaccine available.

The viruses have a bad reputation for inducing post-viral depression, often with marked somatic symptoms: "I'm so tired, doctor, that I can barely climb the stairs."



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For the first time, it is in the interests of fee-paying parents that the state system of education should be less than acceptable

The price we all pay for private schools



NIGELLA LAWSON

Once the Labour Party didn't have to worry too much about the public school vote. A fairly consistent 6 per cent or so paid for their children's schooling and it was generally assumed that this was a group that was, in any case, lost to the Labour Party. But now a private education is a matter not of class or tradition or fortune but of aspiration.

Since the abolition of grammar schools or since the education cuts or since crack dealers started appearing at the school gates — the cut-off point of choice is largely a function of political persuasion — we have all become, potentially, the parents of the privately educated and Walworth Road seems to believe that there is a large pool of voters who may both pay school fees and vote Labour.

If Tony Blair is after the middle-class vote, though, then it's not the old Posy Simmonds middle-class that he's wooing. Middle-class means something different than it used to. As in America, the term now describes just about anyone in work. And if the notion of the middle-class has changed, no less has the fee-paying school. These days a fee-paying school does not as a matter of course mean the public school of old, class-bound, confining and anachronistic. it means an "independent" school.

The kind of parents who send their children to the independent schools are not those committed to private education as a tribal right but those who feel that no cost is too high or sacrifice too great to provide their children with the education the State is denying them. If you're having to make a choice between crack-dealing in the playground at break and extra cello on Tuesdays, well, is it really a choice?

But of course, that isn't the real choice, or shouldn't have to be, and *this* is what Mr Blair should be addressing. David Blunkett was absolutely correct in denying that his suggestions to tax private education were "punitive"; he is right to say that "it is the current system that is punitive". The Labour Party may be in disarray over how to change the education system to make it fairer, but it does have to be changed. It has to be changed to make the idea of choice a reality, not a chimera of the Right.

What is wrong with private education is not that it is bought, but that those who are buying it for their children are putting none of their energies into state education. What's more, the inequality between public and private sectors is self-perpetuating. The worse the state system is, the greater number of people will feel they have to try to find the money for school fees (though it's worth noting that still only 7 per cent of children attend private school, and that's the highest figure since the 1944 Act) and the more people are having to pay for their children's education, the greater the disincentive to better the lot of other people's children.

It is a disagreeable fact that when people are stumping up for a proper education, they are not that keen to think that others could be getting it for free. Money doesn't simply buy a good education, it buys a better education: and "better" only works as a comparative if there is something to be better than. For the first time it seems to be in the aspirational interests of some that the state system be less than acceptable.

The percentage of parents who send their children to fee-paying schools is very small, but among that number are the vociferous few who might otherwise be in there shouting, complaining, insisting and doing whatever it takes to make sure their offspring, and their peers, get the education it is the nation's duty to provide. But evidently all these energies go into earning the money to pay school fees.

A boarding school costs about £10,000 a year per child, a private day school around half that figure: whatever, it is one hell of an amount to find out of taxed income. My heart does not bleed for those on the baguette-line, but I can't help thinking paying a bit more tax would be the less painful option.

I know pleading poverty is a universal lament, but compare the lot of the affluent middle class in France to the £40,000-a yearer over here. The French model is simply richer: in England a high income is soon whittled away by school fees. Surely it would be better for the economy to see that money spread around? The whole school-fees issue must be an inflationary factor, driving up salaries.

It seems almost guaranteed to make everyone feel hard done-by. Those who can't afford to pay school fees consider themselves disenfranchised, as if a state education offers no more than a qualification for entering the voiceless underclass. Those who can are injured by the accusation of affluence when they feel indignantly, anxiously hard-up.

And where's the choice? In deciding how to educate their children, the former are given no option; the latter ruefully feel they have no real alternative.

Of course we all have the right to spend our money as we choose. But we must find a way to respect that right without giving it more weight than the right to an education for those without the money to pay for "choice".

Model for a woman of substance

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets a novelist who has made a fortune but still has to keep writing

MALCOLM CLARKE



Barbara Taylor Bradford and her husband, Bob, celebrating their wedding anniversary — "we've had a very good time because he's never been threatened by my success"

How wonderful it must be to be Barbara Taylor Bradford. To live in a 47th-floor, silk-walled apartment in Manhattan, surrounded by Impressionist masterpieces. To retreat in a chauffeur-driven car at weekends to your Connecticut country pad, where it snows right on time for Christmas and where you have heated a corner of your lake so the swan can swim there all year round.

To have a housekeeper, a butler, walk-in closets packed with designer clothes and a husband whose eyes, after 31 years of marriage, still light up at the sight of you.

To sit in front of your electric typewriter and know that the next book you write will, like the previous nine, be read by millions. And to know that you came from a Leeds suburb and are now estimated to be the richest British woman after the Queen.

Is it true that she is the best-selling novelist in the world? This is the question I put to Mrs Taylor Bradford as we crunch across the Connecticut snow to Gemmy Cottage, the exquisitely decorated hut by the swimming pool named after Barbara's much mourned *bichon frisé*.

The lady novelist smiles sweetly (she is very pretty and looks ten years younger than her 61). "I think I sell a lot of books," she says firmly. "There are a few of us. I'm up there in the top five. But I never discuss money. I refuse."

I hadn't actually asked about hard figures, but for those who want them Mrs Taylor Bradford signed a three-book deal two years ago with HarperCollins for £20 million, which puts her in a different stratosphere from the likes of Jeffrey Archer.

We enter the cottage, where Mrs Taylor Bradford turns the thermostat up to sub-tropical levels and places herself on a silk-upholstered chair. "But I'm published in 85 countries," she continues. "I just got some Russian copies the other day — that eastern market is very interesting — and in Turkish and Yiddish and Serbo-Croatian."

She is nothing if not practical, a fact she attributes to her North Country upbringing. "There are those two sides: on is the very down-to-earth Yorkshirewoman, and then there's that other side of me that's very poetic."

Both sides come across clearly in her most famous works: the *Woman of Substance* trilogy, starring the unforgettable Emma Harte, the Yorkshire servant lass who rises to command a multi-million-pound dynasty.

> 'At 15 I was in a Yorkshire typing pool, at 21 I was a Fleet Street reporter'

It is impossible not to spot the parallels between Emma Harte and her creator, and while Mrs Taylor Bradford used to deny them (reminding us of her middle-class upbringing), she has finally come to terms with the fact that, in spirit at least, she is Emma. "I gave her a lot of my characteristics," she confides.

"I'm very, very hard-working, and I have a lot of physical stamina and energy. I'm driven and ambitious." Would Emma read her books? "I think she'd be too busy," says Mrs Taylor Bradford after a pause.

"Not everybody writes about women who went out and conquered the world," she goes on. But this was, after all, Mrs Taylor Bradford's own story. "At 15, I was in the typing pool of the *Yorkshire Evening Post*, by 18 I was the woman's page editor. At 20 I was in Fleet Street, at 21 I was a reporter on the *London Evening News*."

So far so good, but still hardly in the conquering bracket. This came at the age of 30 when Barbara met her husband, Bob Bradford, a German-born film producer, who married her and whisked her off to New York, where, aged 40, she finally settled down to penning that novel she knew was in her. The rest is enough to give envious publishers ulcers.

At this point, however, the lives of Barbara and Emma start to differ. "I didn't have lots of husbands like she did," Mrs Taylor Bradford giggles. She and Bob celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary with a "little dinner party" on Christmas Eve.

The couple have no children (there was a miscarriage and she was unable to conceive again, a fact Mrs Taylor Bradford admits with equanimity), and all their love seems to have been channelled into one another, to touching effect.

"I think we have had a very good time because he's never been threatened by my success," she says. "He's always been successful himself and he's creative, so he also understands my need to be creative. A lot of men might have resented all of this."

> 'There's no high as great as when I have had a good day at the typewriter'

A lot of them might indeed, but not Bob, a cheery, craggy man who pipes *Christmas* songs ("Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland") through the house and watches rapturously as his wife poses, first for our photographer and then for the snappers from American *Good Housekeeping* who are queueing for their turn.

Bob also turns most of Barbara's novels into fabulously lucrative TV mini-series, starring the likes of Jenny Seagrove and Stephanie Beacham. "It was fortunate for me that I married a movie producer," she admits. Not, you understand, that the money makes the blindest bit of difference. "Look, it's wonderful to have made a lot of money," says Mrs Taylor Bradford in her mid-Atlantic tones. "But you must remember, it's simply a by-product of what I do very successfully. I write because I want to. It makes me feel good."

She is only telling the truth. Despite the untold wealth, it is clear that demons drive Mrs Taylor Bradford. "People say you are very successful, you don't have to earn a living, but what would I do if I didn't write? Writing for me is a great means of self-expression, satisfaction and self-gratification. If I didn't have a way of dealing with all that stuff that's going round in my head, they'd take me away in a straitjacket. Bob would tell you I'm most happiest — that's a terrible sentence — I'm happiest when I'm sitting at my typewriter."

Today Mrs Taylor Bradford is discreetly made up and beautifully dressed in a smart green tweed trouser suit. But she is at pains to convince me that I would normally find her barefaced and in a track suit. "I'm usually up about five and have a five o'clock finish when Bob comes home. We go locally for dinner, or have dinner at home. I have a cook in the city. Then we often watch television in separate rooms."

This is the only form of relaxation she gets. Throughout our conversation Mrs Taylor Bradford regularly raps the polished table with her ring-cluttered knuckles. "It's that fear that you can't do it again," she explains. She is always working, starting a new book while the last is in proof stage to maintain the momentum. "There's no high as great as when I have had a good day at the typewriter," she goes on. "It's a tremendous feeling of accomplishment and excitement when you have really got it right. The only thing I can relate it to is a sexual experience with someone you love."

And whatever you may think of her style ("the sea was... the colour of chalcedony" is my favourite sentence), Mrs Taylor Bradford works hard to develop it. Her latest novel, *Everything to Gain*, is far starker than the early blockbusters. "I have never really written a book that's the same as the last," she explains, waving her tortoiseshell spectacles in the air. "I think that's plagiarising yourself. I could have written *A Woman of Substance* over and over again. I didn't have to because everyone else did that." She allows herself a rare, smug smirk, then hastily raps the table once more.

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Wake up to the Gingrich revolution

Martin Fletcher on the man who is brushing Clinton aside

In the weeks since the Republicans snatched control of Congress, President Clinton has dispelled any doubt about who now leads America. He has called for lower taxes, higher defence spending and smaller federal government. He has sacked his Arkansas friend Jocelyn Elders, the Surgeon General, for suggesting that schools should teach masturbation. He has signalled support for radical welfare reform and the return of school prayer.

Such a burst of activity would have impressed the great American middle class had Mr Clinton been acting of his own volition. Unfortunately, each of these moves was merely a pathetic attempt to catch up with the Gingrich who stole his Christmas.

Newt Gingrich, who becomes House Speaker tomorrow, is monopolising the media's attention with his newly-acquired bodyguards, frequent attacks on the established order, and handing back of a presidential-size book advance. It is indisputably Mr Gingrich who is now dictating America's political future, condemning the President to irrelevance. "Bill Clinton is the Jell-O. Newt the mould," said one political analyst.

The morning after the elections, Mr Gingrich tellingly refused to interrupt a radio interview to take a telephone call from the President. He let 90 minutes elapse before deigning to ring back.

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The superficial similarities between Mr Clinton and his nemesis down Pennsylvania Avenue have been well documented. Both are baby-boomers who were raised fatherless and have tawdry marital records. Both avoided Vietnam. But there is a fundamental difference that explains Mr Gingrich's ascendancy. Unlike the President, he knows exactly what he wants to achieve and how.

Mr Clinton has always worked within the system. He rose by virtue of his silver tongue and ability to adapt to the public mood. The man Arkansas called "Slick Willie" talked his way right into the Oval Office, but there his shortcomings have been cruelly exposed. The famed consensus-seeker has proved lamentably unwilling to lead in the face of determined opposition.

No one could accuse Mr Gingrich of choosing the path of least resistance. He is a self-styled revolutionary who has finally won a 16-year battle to break the Democrats' grip on Congress. His goal now is to sweep away a failed "liberal welfare state" and build a 21st-century "opportunity society" shorn of big government.

His vision and ruthless adherence to it have been remarkable. He arrived in Washington in 1979 convinced that he had to destroy Congress in order to rebuild it. He had no time for traditional committee work or legislating. He assembled a cadre of like-minded young turks dedicated to exposing the "corruption" of the entrenched Democrat majority.

They nightly harangued the Democrats before an empty chamber, knowing C-Span was carrying their words into millions of living rooms. They courted controversy, the better to draw attention to their cause. They seized on any hint of scandal, but even Mr Gingrich's allies believed he was going too far when in 1987 he began attacking the ethics of Jim Wright, the formidable House Speaker. Mr Wright said he viewed Mr Gingrich as a dog views a fire hydrant, but within two years he had resigned in disgrace.

The House bank scandal succeeded the House post office scandal, legislative gridlock became the rule, and public esteem for Congress plummeted. In November, a disgusted electorate ended 40 years of unbroken Democratic rule, just as Mr Gingrich had predicted.

His name is still taboo in polite society. The highbrow American media still largely deride this messianic figure, whose professed ambition is to "renew American civilisation". But whether the élite likes it or not, he is about to become the most powerful Speaker of modern times.

Using a web of privately funded organisations collectively dubbed "Newt Inc.", he has for eight years been building a party within a party, assiduously cultivating, training and financing aspiring young Republicans around the country, with the result that the House is now stiff with diehard "Newtoids". He has packed key committees and leadership posts with loyalists. His control of the House is absolute, and there seems little doubt it will approve his radical programme when his 100-day legislative blitz begins next week.

The constraints will come more from the Senate than from a President who could well compound his unpopularity if he were to resort to endless vetoes. The Senate is more cautious than the House — its members more independent — and its new Republican leader, Robert Dole, is a relative moderate, whom Mr Gingrich once dismissed as the "tax collector for the welfare state".

Yet there are enough "Newtoids" in the Senate to make trouble for Mr Dole if he obstructs Mr Gingrich's plans. They showed their strength last month by electing Trent Lott, a Gingrich ally, to be deputy leader instead of Alan Simpson, Mr Dole's man. Moreover, Mr Dole cannot offend the party's conservatives, because he wants the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

It remains Washington's conventional wisdom that America will recoil from Mr Gingrich's extreme prescriptions. It is entirely possible, however, that a confused, frustrated nation will applaud action for action's sake and embrace this rare conviction politician. Mr Gingrich began his career teaching history. He could now, for better or worse, start making it.



I can see clearly now

New Zealand skies are bluer than ours, not only literally but metaphorically, thanks to the radiance of the people

Bernard Levin

It is well known that New Zealand is many thousands of miles away from anything on one side, and similarly many thousands of miles from anything else on the other side (of course I don't count Australia); this isolation suggests that the Lord made a strange and deleterious mistake when He was sorting out the continents (see Genesis, Chapters 1 and 2). But we also know that the Lord does not make mistakes: if He put down New Zealand where it is now, He did so for a purpose. And it is was that purpose which, a few weeks ago, I decided to seek out.

And that is why I found myself in New Zealand, having been told that when I had pushed my baggage-trolley past the immigration desks and the customs procedures (both manned by people of perfect courtesy) that I would find a man very tall and very bald who was to be my cicerone for something like a month. Tall he was, and bald he was; little did I then know that he was to look after me so carefully, so thoroughly, so generously, so knowledgeably and so amusingly, that no newborn baby could have asked for more in the way of being made happy and enlightened. But littler still did I know that my hero — his name is Phil O'Reilly — was to lead me to countless people of all New Zealand walks of life, all parts of their country, all courtesies, all welcomes, all generosities and all — all — for nothing but that New Zealanders are like that.

But I am going too fast. I did not alight on New Zealand unprepared: indeed, there had been for some time messages back and forth (I still believe that the fax, infinitely useful as it is, must be an instrument of the devil, so uncanny is its faraway whirring, and sooner or later we shall all be burnt at the stake). I had been invited, by the Newspaper Publishers Association of New Zealand, no less, to be taken to their country and shown round it. Nor was there any obligation to concentrate on newspaper matters. I was told that the NPA had embarked upon a series of such invitations from the other side of the world, and I was to be the first to enjoy such hospitality.

We drove into town, and I experienced my first New Zealand shock. The sky — it was a warm and unclouded day — was as clear and pure as though it had been scrubbed. I was not then to know, though I soon discovered, that New Zealand does not have polluted air, and when I say it does not have polluted air, I do not mean that it has air less, or even much less, polluted than that in countries like ours, it means that New Zealand *does not have polluted air*. End of first shock.

Five minutes later, I had my second shock. On either side of the airport motorway, there was rolling beauty: no debris, no factories, no noise and no billboards, only beautiful, immensely tall, poplars, and smiling fields. I commented that the leaves looked as though they had been washed, and Phil smiled: it was the first of hundreds of such smiles, and each of them denoted another wondrous shock for me.

But again, I am going too fast. The first public encounter with New Zealand was a barrage of newspaper, radio and television interviews. To my astonishment, I found that there is no national newspaper, only local ones. It is, of course, a very long country, but surely, I thought, with today's technology a national paper can hardly be impossible. But then a thought struck me: perhaps New Zealand does not want a national newspaper. I had already discovered that New Zealand is not like other places, and this might be more evidence. If so, it is not for me to demand a national newspaper immediately I land. (And while I am on the subject, I have to add that their newspapers are rather strikingly different from ours, as witness *The Dominion*, a highly respected daily, which one day led its front page, beneath a banner headline to match, with "British firm wins sewerage contract", which I think one would be unlikely to find in our dear *Sun*.)

The interviewers had done their homework, but then came the next surprise; the interviewers, almost without exception, were amazingly gentle: I wouldn't be so rude as to call it pussy-footing, but there is surely enough in my millions of words to provoke them to stick into me at least a pin. That unterrible ordeal over, it was time for me to think about what came next.

My splendid jaunt had, naturally, a price — a tiny price, a very tiny price — but a price, for what was in store for me (and what was in store for me, I may say, was a seven-room suite for starters) included my giving a set of lectures. Now anyone who knows Levin knows also that far from his being dismayed when asked to talk, it is almost impossible to stop him talking once he has started. This, I said to myself, is going to be a doddle.

And a doddle it was,' though a doddle that changed into one of the most profound and moving experiences of my life, an experience that is with me as I write, an experience that I savoured on the way home (and 25 hours in the air with only *one hour's* break would normally savour only a longing for death) — an experience that I am still far from encompassing and of which I may never fully take the measure.

Meanwhile, a drive round the suburbs revealed one-storey white clapboard houses, bursting with flowers meticulously and lovingly tended. A strange and horrible thought came unbidden: are there thugs and tearabouts in these parts, like those we know all too well back home, and who smash beauty just because it *is* beauty? I asked the question: my guide looked at me as though I had gone mad. We chattered on, but I could not stop asking for another peculiar look. "How bad is the drug problem in your country?" I asked, and this time there was a real answer. "There isn't one," he said. (Later, and with others, I asked the same question. I got the same answer.)

So we went to the park, via the sea and its harbours, with gigantic fleets of yachts — this is a seafaring country, and shows it. They told me the names of the trees and bushes in the park, but I was far too deeply enmeshed by beauty such as I have never seen before. I, urban man personified, who once said that the best thing that could befall the countryside would be its covering with an even layer of asphalt — that very man, as he wandered through every kind of greenery and every kind of beauty found that his eyes were wet. What have I got into?

I begin to be genuinely afraid. This is a country that I have heard of (well, Kiri came from it) and dismissed as too distant to bother with, yet it is disturbing my sleep, and the beauty of its unspoilt landscape is matched by the depth of its people, who mean what they say when they embrace a newcomer. I was, again and again, that newcomer, and never on this earth and my wanderings on it, have I found so much truth in such smiles. It strikes me — and it should have struck me much earlier in this panegyric — that the Lord quite certainly *did* know what He was doing when he put New Zealand where it is.

Then I was taken to New Plymouth, a city of only some 140,000 inhabitants (but, after all, the whole country is not much more than three million), and was guided round New Plymouth by a man who not only knew every stone in his city, but loved every such stone. Hills, rivers, sundials, memorials, lakes and hills — I have to say that New Plymouth is a rather ordinary city, *if you are only thinking of outsides*. But its inside is filled with human beings who do not know or care who I am and why I was among them, but treated me and my entourage as they would treat any visitor from anywhere.

And it ran everywhere: my lectures were most warmly received, and considering that one of them had an audience of 600, and another one went on for 50 minutes without a break, I have nominated New Zealand as the most tolerant place in the world. But my nomination was superfluous: long before that, I had realised the truth about this astounding place. Meanwhile, I strolled down to the beach. The beach in question was two miles long, and I had it to myself. And as the water ran up across the sand, I could see that it was absolutely clear and absolutely pure.

(To be concluded.)

Knowing Blair for what he is

Labour's superficiality is now obvious, says **Woodrow Wyatt**

Tony Blair has boldly declared "I know what has to be done". He has outlined some parts of his ill-considered plans; others are so obscure, or so frequently changed, that he and his intended Cabinet ministers dispute fiercely with him and each other. His proposals for separate parliaments for Wales and Scotland, to be forced on them without referendums during Labour's first year, are bizarre.

The Scottish parliament is to have powers to raise income tax up to 3p in the pound, which will be additional to general British income tax, and resented by many Scots. If the Scottish parliament wants more, does Mr Blair intend to cap it? If not, why not? To whom would the Secretary of State for Scotland be responsible — the Scottish MPs at Westminster or the Scottish parliament? After Northern Ireland, Scotland now receives the biggest handouts per head from Whitehall. This could not continue; nor could the arrangement by which there are far more Scottish MPs per head of population than in England.

Rarely can Labour form a government without the 50 or so Scottish Labour MPs, and it is impossible that Scottish MPs could be allowed to vote on matters pertaining to England. Wales and Northern Ireland when other MPs would be excluded from voting on Scottish matters.

As Mr Blair's system would be summarily imposed on the Scots, Scotland's transformation into a foreign country would soon be at hand. Presumably the Scots would then be saddled with their share of the national debt, along with many other acute disadvantages. Labour runs scared of the Scottish Nationalists, fearing they could push Labour into second or third place in Westminster elections. This trend would be encouraged by Mr Blair's plan, and would lead to a Scottish Nationalist government in Edinburgh.

To win, Mr Blair depends on a switch by the middle classes. At first, they were drawn to and felt safe with this idealistic public schoolboy, who seemed one of them. Now he has turned into Malice in Blunderland. They were horrified by David Blunkett's intention to charge VAT on school fees. They were not mollified by Blair forcing a retraction from his Shadow Education Secretary, particularly as he insists on removal of charitable status from public schools. The damage has been done. Labour remains the party which loathes excellence in education, preferring a flat, uniform system in which talent is held back. It excoriates assisted places.

The benefits which took many of Labour's present leaders to the top are to be denied to the generality, although Mr Blair defies Labour policy by sending his son to a grant-aided school. At Labour conferences, the platform joins enthusiastically in singing the "Red Flag". Instead of "Then raise the scarlet standard high", they should sing: "Then raise the double standards high".

Clever and quick though he is with the soundbite, Mr Blair lacks profundity. His superficiality is daily more apparent. Doubtless all institutions could do with a look-at, but wasting Labour's hoped-for first year in office by turning them upside down is Peter Pan folly. This is the treatment to be accorded to the Lords and the monarchy, which, however illogical, have suited us for centuries. Mr Blair's enthusiasm for change runs him into trouble in every direction. Everyone had forgotten the notorious Clause Four, printed on Labour Party membership cards and requiring collectivisation of just about everything. Mr Blair seems about to get a mildly watered-down version of it instead of its extinction. Either way, voters will be conscious that Labour remains stoutly socialist at heart — the very opposite of the impression Blair tries to create.

Airily, he dismisses John Major's achievements in obtaining the greatest prosperity we have ever known and the lowest inflation in decades as "an accident". But these achievements happened despite Labour's voting against or criticising every measure making them possible.

Blair's high spending would rapidly dent the economy — perhaps not immediately, within his first period in office, but certainly by the end of a second period, such as has been secured by every Prime Minister since the war except Ted Heath. By that time the damage would take years to repair.

Blair's best weapon may be the chant "It's time for a change", but its potency will weaken as it becomes clearer how calamitous Labour's yet unpurged hatred of private enterprise would be. No change is not a threat to democracy. For 20 years, from 1933 to 1952, the United States had Democratic Presidents. The public begins to appreciate the sterling qualities of "Honest John" Major, who, unlike Blair, echoes the public mood towards Brussels. This looks to be the year when Blair blarney will be blown away.

Bag gents

A DISTURBING trend may be noted among our modern mandarins this morning as they weave back to their desks. The traditional essential requisites — bowler hats, pinstriped trousers, rolled-up brolly and briefcase — have long since vanished. Instead, two sartorial styles have evolved as *de rigueur* among male civil servants in Whitehall.

One is the Wall Street corporate-raider image: sharp suits, wide trousers, mobile phone clutched to the ear. But even more worrying among the middle-rankers is the enthusiasm for carrier bags rather than briefcases. "Everyone seems to have one. Carrier bags from supermarkets are favourites," sniffs my Whitehall man disapprovingly. "Sainsbury's, M & S, Safeways . . ." And they crackle, he complains.

The plastic-bag-carrying element within the public service is almost always clothed in an anorak, often a multicoloured one, in place of an overcoat or mackintosh.

One style-watcher not in the least impressed by the anorak brigade is Sir Hardy Amies. "If they do that, maybe they should change their name to un-civil servants," shudders the Queen's dressmaker. "Civil servants represent authority, position and particularly order. I can see *no* point in wearing disorderly clothes."

● *Our new boy at the European Commission, Neil Kinnock, may have to learn a few things about the way Brussels conducts its business. It was arranged recently that he should meet his new staff over a good lunch. "Lunch?" gasped the former Labour leader, who slimmed down considerably after the last election. "I don't usually have lunch." His new chums exchanged startled looks.*



DIARY

Toning up

FOR THE tercentenary of the death of Henry Purcell, the BBC has settled an ancient dispute. Radio 3 bosses have finally made up their minds about how his name should be pronounced.

For years the prevailing view has been that the emphasis must be on the second syllable: Purce*ll*. But on Sunday, when a year of commemorative events opened with a recording of a concert by the Taverner Consort and Players at Kensington Palace, a live concert from the Banqueting House by the King's Consort and a complete performance of *The Fairy Queen*, announcers put the stress firmly on the first syllable.

"The name should be pronounced like a certain well-known brand of washing-powder," explains an insider. "There is a strong argument for this. Purcell's good friend Dr John Blow wrote an ode to him on his death in which he set the name to music. The 'Pur' came on the first beat of the bar."

● *Inmates of Scotland Yard are feeling the effects of Commissioner Paul Condon's new regime. The Tank, the Metropolitan Police HQ's infamous basement bar (complete with bullet holes in the wall), which was once the scene of much late-night revelry, closed down a year ago. Keep-fit enthusiast Condon reopens it this week — as a gymnasium.*

Arch-angles

CERTAIN well-known men have put forward intriguing nominations as their female fantasy figures. Lord Archer leads the stampede of those foaming at the mouth to swear allegiance to the familiar popular choice. "Sharon Stone — because I'm a normal red-blooded man," he swoons in the latest issue of *Esquire* magazine.

Others are less effusive. Brian Sewell, the art critic, declares "real people are hideous", and likens Helena Bonham-Carter to a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and the Princess of Wales to a nutcracker. Tory MP Peter Bottomley drools over Wordsworth's short poems, but refrains from mentioning his delectable wife, Virginia, and clearly dare not name another.

"Women I can't speak of. But the other thing is mathematical proofs," he says bemusingly. "A two-line method of proving Pythagoras's theorem is of great attraction to me."

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Fantasy figures: popular pin-up Bottomley, Stone (admired by Lord Archer), and Pythagoras (who has a beautiful theorem)



FROM ATTLEE TO BLAIR

July 1945: Labour wins by a landslide

The official Cabinet photograph of 1945 shows 21 men and one woman, most of them bald or white-haired. This July is the fiftieth anniversary of Clement Attlee's 1945 election victory — the biggest Labour victory ever. Much will be written about that administration's achievements and failings, and parallels will inevitably be drawn with today.

The relative youth and inexperience of Tony Blair's team is but one of the big differences. Attlee's Cabinet ministers were in their fifties and sixties, and had experience of office in Winston Churchill's coalition Government. Ernest Bevin, for instance, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, had been Churchill's Minister of Labour and National Service. So, although the Labour victory in 1945 was, in some senses, a leap into the dark, the men whom the electorate trusted to guide them had been visible leaders for years. No member of the current Shadow Cabinet, by contrast, has ever served in a real Cabinet.

TIMES PAST — TIMES FUTURE

The personalities of the leaders then and now are very different. Attlee was diffident and uncharismatic: "If he had got up in the Commons and announced the Revolution, it would have sounded like a change in a regional railway timetable". Mr Blair seems a stronger leader, yet his programme, compared with Attlee's, is less revolutionary. His most radical act if he were to win power might be the dismantling of many parts of the universal welfare state which was the crowning glory of the Attlee Government.

In 1945, the voters turned against the Conservatives partly because they still remembered the unemployment of the 1930s. Sir William Beveridge's report in 1942, proposing a system of national insurance against "want, disease, ignorance, squalor and idleness" captured the public imagination. An opinion survey in 1943 found 86 per cent in favour of Beveridge's proposals and only 6 per cent against. Although the Tories accepted much of the report, Labour was seen as more likely to implement it.

The determination that with peace should come social justice propelled Labour to a 146-seat majority, a postwar record that still holds. The party stuck to its promises. By 1948, Britain had a comprehensive system of family allowances, National Insurance, a National Health Service (the first of its kind in the world), universal education to 15, and legal aid. The cradle-to-grave welfare state had been born, and it is a sign of how much Labour was then in tune with the public mood that the Conservative manifesto for the 1950 election accepted the welfare state and promised to maintain full employment.

There is little sign today of such a flood of new ideas from Labour. But nor is there much of a thirst from voters for a government to use collective action to redress individual social woes. While the Attlee Government of 1945-51 spent valuable time nationalising the coal, iron, steel, gas and electricity industries, Mr Blair is busy removing the commitment to public ownership from his party's constitution.

By 1950-51, the Labour Government had run out of steam. It was casting around for industries to nationalise, rather as today's Tories search for more candidates for privatisation. The historian Peter Clarke has written of those dying days: "Since the Labour Party had now fulfilled its agreed aims, only the aims on which it could not agree remained." His comments seem as pertinent to the Conservatives now as they were to Labour then.

ON DISPUTED LAND

New settlements pull in one direction, peace pulls in another

Ever since he signed the Declaration of Principles with his erstwhile Palestinian foes, Yitzhak Rabin has had to fight a series of tense domestic battles in defence of the agreement. The latest skirmish for the Israeli Prime Minister is the attempt by settlers at Efrat, a settlement near Bethlehem on the West Bank, to colonise a hill adjacent to the Palestinian village of el-Khader. After an emergency meeting of his Cabinet yesterday, at which heated exchanges are reported to have taken place, Mr Rabin ordered a halt to construction on the Hill of Dates, the disputed site. He was right to do so.

The putative settlers argued that they had a legal right to occupy and build on the land in question: Palestinian villagers, equally, brandished copies of title deeds before the Israeli soldiers with whom they clashed. But the most important question to be raised by the bulldozers' dust was not a legal one: it was, as the Israeli Cabinet was not slow to recognise, a political question of the highest degree. Can — and should — the Israeli Government authorise the building of new settlements in the Occupied Territories after the conclusion with Yassir Arafat of the Declaration of Principles on interim self-government arrangements?

Before Mr Rabin intervened to halt construction, Mr Arafat, Chairman of the PLO, had called the preparations for the settlement a "flagrant violation" of the Declaration of Principles. He was not entirely correct, although not wholly wrong either. In purely textual terms, the accord does not prohibit the establishment of new settlements. It does, however, defer till mid-1996 at the latest the commencement of negotiations on the "permanent status" of a number of emotive issues.

This unfinished business lies at the heart of the dispute between Israel and the Palestinian people, and includes Jerusalem, refugees and borders. It also includes the future of Jewish settlements. Any new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza are, therefore, in breach of the spirit of the Declaration of Principles. The Israeli Attorney-General, Michael Ben-Yair, came closest to the target when he recommended to the Cabinet that emergency powers be invoked to halt the settlement. He argued also that licence to build should be revoked by administrative order on the ground that the Government's "policy had changed" since the original granting of permission. The change in policy to which he adverted stems from the peace agreement with the PLO, which has altered the status of the West Bank in Israeli law.

Mr Rabin did not, of course, address the affair in those terms. In fact, his compromise — which will allow the settlers to establish themselves on a hill more proximate to Efrat, in lieu of the Hill of Dates — does not address the heart of the dispute at all. The PLO can still assert that it was a principle, not merely a hill, which was at issue. But underlying his search for a way in which to defuse the immediate crisis was an awareness that the question of new settlements has the power to drive the PLO from the peace table. His Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres, is due to begin a fresh round of talks today in Cairo with his Palestinian interlocutors: they will now take place in a better spirit than would have prevailed had the Israeli Cabinet not ruled against the settlement. Mr Rabin should now take this opportunity to bring the public debate on the future of settlements into the sharpest focus.

HAPPY MAY 29

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's back to work for the taxman we go

Ice, snow and the annual mystery bug may discourage Britons from today's struggle back to work. But not half as much as the calculation that they are going to be working for the Revenue for six days longer this year. The Adam Smith Institute, the economic think-tank, estimates that "tax freedom" day will fall on May 29 in 1995. This calculation supposes that average workers spend everything they earn in the first part of the year on paying their taxes. Only then do they start to make money for themselves.

There can be no taxation without misrepresentation, which is why governments prefer indirect taxation. It is easier to misrepresent. Tax freedom day takes into account ill-concealed tax burdens such as VAT, stamp duty, council tax, the television licence, and duties on petrol, alcohol and tobacco. In this way it provides a dramatic diagram of how much of the money earned by the public is confiscated by politicians.

Because of the recession and the revenue-raising Budgets of 1993, in the United Kingdom tax freedom day has been falling later in the year for the past three years. And neither Margaret Thatcher in her prime nor John Major has yet managed to push the day back to the golden year of 1978, when the average earner spent only 138 days working to pay Jim Callaghan's Government's bills.

If public borrowing (which has to be paid for by future taxation) is included in the sum, tax freedom day for the United Kingdom will not come until June 10 this year. If the calculation is made by the day rather than the year, we shall be working until lunchtime all year for the Chancellor. For the average citizen to work half the year for the Government is absurd. By popular calculation, even civil servants do not work six months a year for the Government.

Of course such sums are tendentious. If all annual earnings were carved like a cake by the economists of the Adam Smith Institute, mortgage freedom day would not come till midsummer, paying off the car day in August, freedom from the hell of commuting with the apple harvest, and no more clothes or perhaps school fees for the children in December. Only then could Britons take home anything they earned for discretionary expenditure — just in time to be blown on the competitive shopping frenzy of Christmas.

The good news is that 16 out of 23 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries have even later tax freedom days. Scandinavians and Germans work for over six months for their Governments. And in Denmark, rates of tax and the capital punishment of a net wealth tax can produce an income tax of more than 100 per cent for the seriously rich.

Australia, the United States and Japan celebrate their freedom from tax days much earlier than Britain. The demystification of the tax burden is a public humiliation for politicians and a spur to voters. So, roll on May 29. But we must start working towards the right British day for tax freedom — April 1. For 1995 there is nothing for it but to grit the teeth and get back to work, work, work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Waste of time and money in courts

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, No doubt Mr C. B. T. Adams (letter, December 26) is a highly skilled neurosurgeon whose diagnoses are renowned for their accuracy, but when he ventures to attribute blame to barristers and solicitors for delays in court hearings he is wide of the mark.

The delays of which he speaks arise from the court listing system, over which lawyers have no control. As a practising barrister I too (with others) suffer the same vexations, but more frequently I suspect.

There are simply too few judges and it is by no means uncommon for counsel to arrive at court for a hearing fixed by the listing officers only to find that the list is overcrowded and that a round journey of say 200-400 miles is wasted. In such a situation I recently found six days' work listed on the day my three-day fixture was to commence.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr R. E. Atkinson

Sir, I must fully concur with Mr Adams. Because of the difficulties of bringing together several specialists on the same day, it is increasingly common on the part of solicitors to issue a subpoena, despite the fact that personal availability dates, given long before, may have changed.

In the six weeks up to Christmas, I was required to be available for six personal injuries cases with pain problems. Two were settled in the few days prior to court, two were settled as five expert witnesses sat around for four hours in the courthouse, one was postponed, and only one resulted in my giving expert evidence. All produced disruption to clinical activity.

A Texan friend who specialises in personal injuries litigation is astounded by our system — all evidence there is given by "deposition" at the doctor's office and at a time which does not disrupt clinical activity. Such a system here might also help Mr Adams's suggestion of a "settlement day" deadline.

Mr Adams also notes that due to our present inefficient legal system, only those who are retired may in future be able to act as expert witnesses. Whilst many do so now, promulgating such a state of affairs could be counterproductive. In my specialty of pain management, and it is no different from any other, developments and research are moving fast, and clinical involvement is probably important to allow the best informed current opinion.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Simon J. A. Powis

Sir, So frustrated was I by a recent case in which I was an expert witness that I wrote to Lord Mackay in July outlining my experience of delay, intransigence and the implications thereof. It was mid-December before I received a reply and, judging by the content of the letter, four and a half months had been an insufficient length of time for the Lord Chancellor's Department adequately to address the points I had raised.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr F. Paul Taylor

Sir, Not only do the courts show little regard for other people's commitments and convenience but scant respect for litigants' costs either.

I last appeared as an expert witness in the summer, in my capacity as a management consultant to the chemical industry. I was notified on a Friday afternoon that my presence would be required at the Royal Courts of Justice, 200 miles away, on the Monday morning. Having cancelled appointments, I duly appeared, only to sit listening to protracted repetitive interrogations, often at dictation speed, until I was eventually called to give evidence on the Thursday afternoon. Several times proceedings were interrupted or started late to cater for "smaller" cases.

For all this time my clients were having to meet not only my expensive fees but the cost of my being in London. This added considerably to the eventual costs of the action to the detriment of both parties.

I agree with Mr Adams that were we to organise our own lives on the same basis as the law courts the result would be chaos and disaster for all concerned.

Yours faithfully,
F. PAUL TAYLOR,
7 Kingsway, Frodsham, Cheshire.
December 26.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

EU membership benefits science

From Professor N. C. Handy, FRS

Sir, May I draw the attention of the politicians who express reservations about our membership of the European Union to some of the scientific benefits which I have observed at first hand.

As an active theoretical computational chemist with a large research group, I have observed over the last five years a great increase in both the number of and attendance at international scientific meetings in Europe, many of which have received significant support from Brussels.

One particular EU initiative from which my own laboratory has benefited is the human capital and mobility (HCM) scheme, which funds young foreign scientists — typically post-doctoral — to work in laboratories in other EU countries.

In Cambridge the Department of Chemistry has had 12 such visitors for two-year periods, as well as two HCM Fellows visiting me — one from Ireland, the other from Germany — who have contributed greatly to my research.

The scheme has also funded the establishment of groups of university networks of researchers with common scientific interests, funding their meetings and the interchange of personnel.

As a result of this scheme, European science is showing a much greater cohesion. Post-doctoral research that was once confined to the United States is now undertaken in European laboratories which are at the forefront of scientific advancement.

British participation in these EU scientific initiatives is considerable. We are right in the middle, exerting our influence. If we were not members of the EU our international scientific activity would be significantly reduced.

Yours faithfully,
N. C. HANDY,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Chemistry,
Lensfield Road, Cambridge.
January 1.

Fears for future research funding

From Dr John H. Mulvey

Sir, Your Focus on engineering and science research (December 15) outlined the radical new approach being adopted by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) to consideration of proposals seeking support for research.

The EPSRC has emerged out of the old Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) as the result of a restructuring of the research councils defined in the 1993 White Paper setting out government policy on science and technology. It has been given a "mission" strongly emphasising "wealth creation" and relevance to industrial utility.

No harm in this, and closer interactions between the science base and industry are desirable, but the ways the EPSRC will go about its mission have the potential to do damage to the vitality of basic research in the core disciplines lying within its mandate: physics, chemistry, mathematics and related sectors of engineering.

Procedures which seem at first sight quite reasonable may not always lead to the best results. For example, a "customer" — from industry or another sector of science — must be identified for all research proposals, and audits will be made of the quality and promise of research in progress.

While similar requirements are understandably appropriate in markets for, say, insurance or bricks, in research they tend to encourage safe, unimaginative proposals rather than speculative conceptual leaps. Especially in the case of long-term science-motivated and exploratory research, exploitation will often not be obvious, nor a simple, "positive" outcome guaranteed.

Among successes of the old SERC listed in the Focus articles are Alex Gambling's early work on optical fibres for communications and Harry Kroto's discovery of a new form of carbon — Buckminster Fullerene. Yet Gambling was reproached by experts in industry for wasting his time, while Kroto struggled for adequate funds and went to the US to do his experiments.

Speaking of his early work at Cambridge with Max Perutz, which led to the first identification of a protein structure, Sir John Kendrew has said they achieved "no results at all" in over ten years of research, and experts claimed they were doomed to fail.

How will the future Gamblings, Krotos, Kendrews and their fellows fare under the new regime? If the EPSRC fails them, British industry will no longer find the inspiration and quality it needs in the science base.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MULVEY
(Executive Secretary),
The Save British Science Society,
Box 241, Oxford, OX1 3QQ.
December 21.

Focus on Cyprus

From Mr Denis Hetherington

Sir, The Cypriot High Commissioner (letter, December 28) displays that extraordinary collective Greek Cypriot loss of memory as to those cruel injustices they inflicted on the Turkish minority. The Turkish invasion was to prevent further "ethnic cleansing".

Yours faithfully,
DENIS HETHERINGTON,
34 Victoria Street, Brighton, Sussex.
December 28.

From Mr Bernard Wood

Sir, The Cyprus High Commissioner is, of course, justified in his objections to your correspondent's uncritical treatment of "The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" (report, December 21). He might have added that there are many British nationals whose property was seized by the Turks in 1974 and whose efforts to recover possession or compensation have been fruitless.

We hope that this fact is not overlooked by our own Government, but progress over the past twenty years is far from encouraging. We would like to believe that our situation will not be ignored in negotiations concerning Turkey's trading relations with the European Union.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD WOOD,
Stonebridge Green Cottage,
Egerton, Kent.
December 28.

Draughty old homes

From Lieutenant-Commander C. Maunder, RN

Sir, As the owner-occupier of a listed 17th-century cottage for over 30 years, I sympathise with Teresa Gorman, MP, whom you report (December 24) as facing a planning charge resulting from alterations to her 15th-century farmhouse.

As I think of the warmth from the 20th-century heaters disappearing through the 17th-century structure, I envy those who criticise us from their cosy 20th-century houses.

Do they appreciate that when we need to repair the thatch we have to acquire planning permission, and that we are not permitted to enjoy the benefits of properly fitted draught-proof double-glazing? The porch that offends Mrs Gorman's planners could perhaps be to make access to the house more comfortable, particularly in the rain.

The windows in my cottage were originally shuttered holes, but time has allowed changes to happen; this is one of the unique features of the English scene. Had the planners been around in earlier times, many of the now accepted beautiful yet varied styles would not have been allowed. There is room for older buildings to accept modern developments.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER MAUNDER,
The Acorn, 15 North Street,
Bere Regis, Wareham, Dorset.
December 26.

Verdict on Osborne

From Mr R. H. C. Phillips

Sir, Your issue of December 27, quite rightly, is full of tributes to John Osborne; but may I suggest that only Bernard Levin's ("How his genius struck me") has come close to capturing the point of Osborne's plays.

In an essay published in 1957, "They call it cricket", Osborne wrote of his audience: "I want to ... give them lessons in feeling: they can think afterwards." In every play he wrote, he did precisely that. From Jimmy Porter in 1956 (*Look Back in Anger*) to Jimmy Porter in 1993 (*Déjàvu*) we were made — it was not an option, as with so many of today's playwrights — to fulminate, to rage and to care deeply about the convictions of the leading characters. It was only later that quiet reflection led us to see the sense or absurdity of what had been said to us. Above all, Osborne was a *funny* playwright.

On a personal note, may I say that he was more than "almost" a gentleman. As a student I wrote to inquire of him the publisher of *The World of Paul Slickey*: he sent me a copy by return of post.

Osborne kept us all on our toes and will be much missed. Your tributes have done him justice — but let's hope his memory is not allowed to fade.

Yours etc,
HENRY PHILLIPS (Headmaster),
Hordle House School,
Milford-on-Sea,
Lymington, Hampshire.

From the Reverend John M. Turner

Sir, May I dispute the claim in your obituary of John Osborne that it was George Fearon, as PRO for the Royal Court, who invented the term "Angry Young Man" in 1956, in connection with *Look Back in Anger*.

It is true that it was not till then that the phrase caught on; but it had already been coined as the title for the autobiography, published in 1951, of Leslie Paul, born in Dublin in 1905. Paul, who had already won the Atlantic Award in Literature, was to become a prolific writer on social and ethical matters and a prominent Anglican philosopher. He died in 1985.

I am, Sir, yours sincerely,
JOHN MUNSEY TURNER,
14 Claypool Road,
Horwich, Bolton, Lancashire.

Royals at work at home and abroad

From Mr Tim O'Donovan

Sir, I have carried out a survey of the official engagements carried out by the Royal Family during 1994 as reported in the Court Circular.

	A	B	C	D	E
The Queen	147	64	275	486	187
Duke of Edinburgh	158	119	26	303	359
Queen Mother	34	13	16	63	0
Prince of Wales	194	82	99	375	152
Princess of Wales	13	7	14	34	8
Duke of York	50	15	11	76	93
Prince Edward	49	50	23	122	157
Princess Royal	277	99	72	448	229
Princess Margaret	96	35	5	136	7
Duke of Gloucester	134	35	20	189	64
Duchess of Gloucester	122	30	7	159	23
Duke of Kent	127	39	33	199	96
Duchess of Kent	154	22	10	186	74
Princess Alexandra	85	25	13	123	65

A Official visits, opening ceremonies and other engagements
B Receptions, lunches, dinners and banquets
C Other engagements, including investitures, meetings attended and audiences given
D Engagements in UK
E Engagements on official overseas tours

It is very misleading to use these figures as a league table of royal endeavour. Each royal engagement is unique, and differs as to length and content, together with time spent in preparation and briefing. For example, whilst the Queen is holding an investiture at Buckingham Palace the Princess Royal might be carrying out four engagements in Staffordshire.

Those promoting a smaller Royal Family should recall the sad but inevitable fact that on the deaths of Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke and Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra their children will not be assuming their parents' roles. The Royal Family will thus eventually become smaller through natural causes.

In the meantime these industrious relations of the Queen carried out nearly 1,000 engagements in the UK last year. Over a third of these were at the request of charities which, no doubt, benefited considerably from this royal patronage.

Yours faithfully,
TIM O'DONOVAN,
Mariners, The Avenue,
Datchet, Berkshire.
January 1.

British Library statue

From Mr Toby Anderson

Sir, I was intrigued by the British Library's decision to house Sir Eduardo Paolozzi's 12ft-high bronze statue of Sir Isaac Newton in the forecourt of the new building (report and picture, December 19). Presumably, this decision was motivated by the need to introduce some beauty into a building which the Heritage Select Committee described, in a report last summer, as "one of the ugliest in the world".

It also seems likely that the statue was chosen as a symbol of the arts combining with the sciences to create, in line with Renaissance thought, a progressive and holistic approach to learning. This being the case, it seems rather odd that they should choose a statue based upon William Blake's famous image of Isaac Newton which, for the artist, was an expression of the artificial restriction of the sciences over the creative spirit of man.

Is it really appropriate for an institution so symbolic of learning and culture to convey so unbalanced an image?

Yours faithfully,
TOBY ANDERSON,
13 Richmond Road,
Fallowfield, Manchester 14.
December 20.

From Mr Charles Mills

Sir, William Blake produced the print on which Paolozzi based his sculpture as a condemnation of Newton specifically and of all scientific and rational thinkers in general. He shows Newton seated in a cave, a symbol of the benighted world that he believed all such rational thinkers to inhabit.

Newton is working with a pair of dividers, a symbol of materialism, drawing a diagram intended to represent the limit of his perceptions. He is gazing downwards in a hunched position suggestive of despair.

Blake abhorred such rationalism, believing it to be a folly, and was at pains to condemn it and its practitioners as curses on the human race. This is surely not the image that should welcome visitors to the British Library?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MILLS,
Winsford,
19 Pound Lane, Sonning,
Reading, Berkshire.
December 20.

Loaded score

From Mr J. J. Brown

Sir, At the end of a recent holiday in Tenerife we were asked to fill in a questionnaire. The travel representative said that, in order to decide whether each aspect of the holiday was "excellent", "good", "fair" or "poor", we should award marks out of ten. Excellent was six out of ten or better.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWN,
South Ridge, Plaisters Lane,
Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth, Dorset.
January 1.

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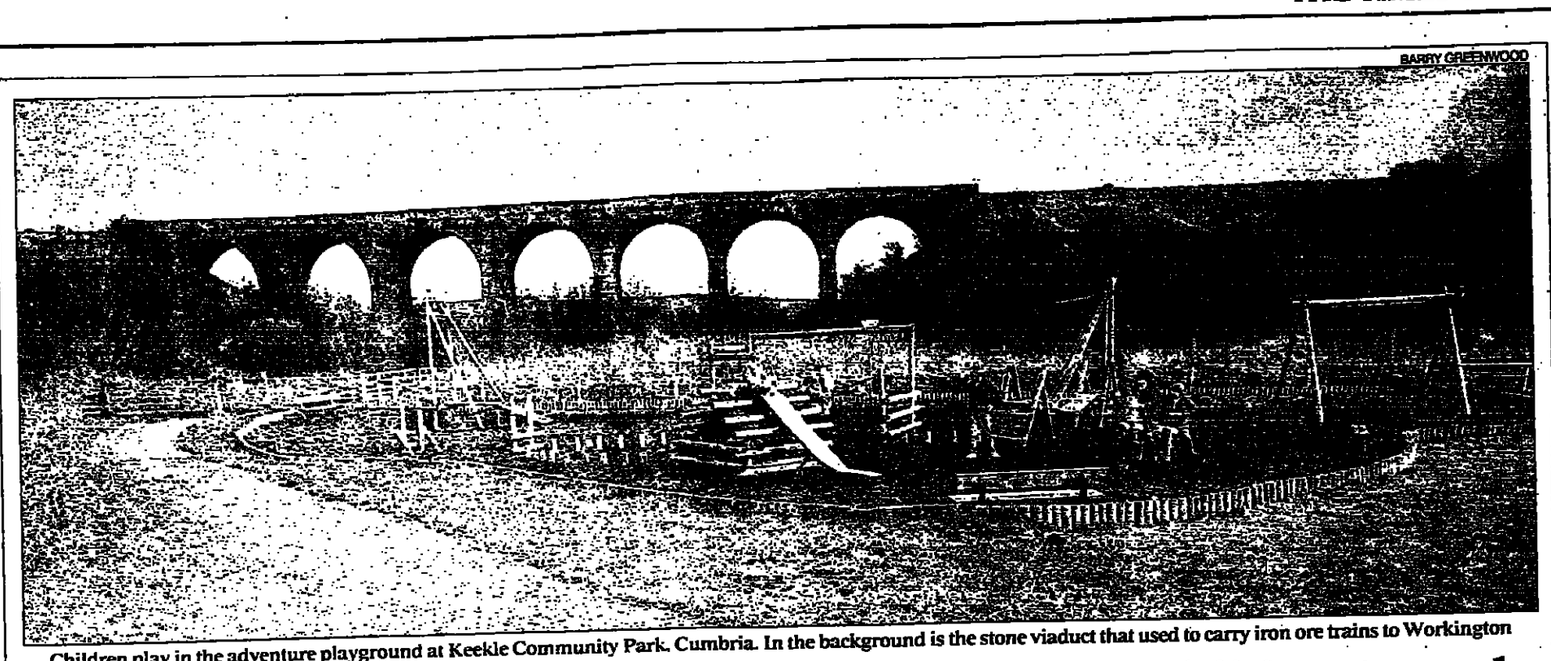
SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
January 2: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Rear Admiral John Croydon (Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset) at the Funeral of Rear Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, which was held in Sherborne Abbey this morning.
CLARENCE HOUSE
January 2: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Colonel Stuart Archer, GC, at the Funeral of Rear Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, which was held in Sherborne Abbey this morning.

Birthdays today

Brigadier Sir John Anstey, former president, National Savings Committee, 88; Mr David Atherton, conductor, 51; Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, 57; Mr John Bamborough, former Principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 74; Mr Michael Barratt, broadcaster, 67; Mr Victor Borge, pianist and comedian, 86; Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, 57; Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General, Office of Fair Trading, 56; Lord Colyton, 93; Mr Fran Cotton, rugby player, 47; Sir Alastair Forbes, former president, Court of Appeal, Gibraltar, 87; Mr Mel Gibson, actor, 39; Mr Richard Hanbury-Tenison, Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, 70; Sir Roy Harding, education consultant, 71; Mr Gavin Hastings, rugby player, 33; Mr Robert Hughes, MP, 63; Admiral Sir Michael Layard, 59; Miss Anya Linden, ballerina, 62; Mr Eric Martlew, MP, 46; Sir Carol Mather, former MP, 76; Mr Siegmund Nissel, former member, Amadeus Quartet, 73; Sir John Riddell, extra equerry to the Prince of Wales, 65; Miss Eirlys Roberts, former deputy director, Consumers' Association, 84; Mr Graham Ross Russell, former chairman, EMAP, 62; Mr Nicholas Scheele, chairman, Jaguar, 51; Mr Michael Schumacher, racing driver, 26; Mr R.R. Steedman, architect, 66; Mr Matthew Taylor, MP, 32; Mr John Thaw, actor, 53; Mr David Vine, sports commentator, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman orator and statesman, Arpinum, Latium, 106BC; Pietro Antonio Metastasio, poet, Rome, 1698; Sir James Stephen, colonial administrator and historian, Lambeth, 1789; Robert Whitehead, inventor, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, 1823; Clement Attlee, 1st Earl Attlee, Prime Minister 1945-51, London, 1883; Herbert Morrison, Baron Morrison of Lambeth, statesman, London, 1888; James Bridie (Osborne Henry Mavor), dramatist, Glasgow, 1888; J.R.R. Tolkien, scholar and writer, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 1892.
DEATHS: Josiah Wedgwood, potter, Burslem, Staffordshire, 1795; Rachel (Elisa Felix), actress, Cannes, 1858; Pierre Larousse, lexicographer, 1875; William Harrison Ainsworth, historical novelist, Reigate, Surrey, 1882; James Elroy Flecker, poet, Davos, Switzerland, 1915; Jaroslav Hasek, novelist, Lipnice, Czechoslovakia, 1923; William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, executed, London, 1946; Edwin Muir, writer, Cambridge, 1959; Conrad Hilton, hotel magnate, California, 1979.
Martin Luther, founder of Protestantism was excommunicated, 1521.
The siege of Sidney Street took place when anarchists led by "Peter the Painter" were besieged by police in the East End of London, 1911.
International Monetary Fund lent £2,300m to Britain, 1977.


BARRY GREENWOOD

Children play in the adventure playground at Keekle Community Park, Cumbria. In the background is the stone viaduct that used to carry iron ore trains to Workington

Determined villagers raise £65,000 to build a children's park

By John Young

KEEKLE is a tiny village, too small to feature on most maps, on the road from the Cumbrian port of Whitehaven to the former mining village of Cleator Moor. Although the fells of the Lake District can be seen only a few miles away, it is a bleak place, little more than a single row of houses fronting onto a busy stream of traffic.

The area has suffered considerably from the decline of the iron and coal industries. Despite the expansion of British Nuclear Fuels at Sellafield, unemployment is high and amenities are few.

In 1990, acknowledging the urgent need for a safe children's play area, an action group of seven determined villagers joined Groundwork West Cumbria to find a suitable site that might double as a small community park and wildlife haven. Fortunately British Coal owned a derelict opencast site just down the road and was persuaded to donate it to the parish council.

The land is set between the main road and a great stone viaduct formerly used to carry iron ore trains to mills in Workington. At a lower level it is crossed by the ancient packhorse bridge which carried the now disused old road across the Keekle river, and which was restored this year as part of the park.

The initial plans were merely to clear rubbish from the site, and put up a few playground swings at an estimated cost of about £4,000. But, remarkably, £65,000 has been raised in the past four and a half years from sponsors, including local companies, the Countryside Commission and the Rural Development Commission.

Local farmers joined construction companies in offering their services and the use of their machines and equipment free of charge, and building materials were also supplied free or at cost. Several "work days" attracted more than 100 volunteers, and were turned into social events with children's parties and barbecues.

The park, which is maintained by volunteers, contains an adventure playground, a woodland planted with native species like oak, elm, cherry and birch, pathways and a range of wildlife habitats. Grasslands support meadowsweet, rosebay willowherb, yarrow, coltsfoot and hogweed, and the river banks have been stabilised and planted with willows.

Grainne Jakobson, one of the original seven members of the action group, says: "I think the main success behind the park has been the commitment of local people." The money from the award will be used to buy maintenance equipment and to returf the children's area.

Keekle Community Park has won one of the two The Times Awards for Improvements to the Local Environment in the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards sponsored by The Times *and Touche Ross and organised by Business in the Community. The awards will be presented by the Prince of Wales in Manchester on February 8.*

Guide to the Night Sky in January

By Michael J. Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

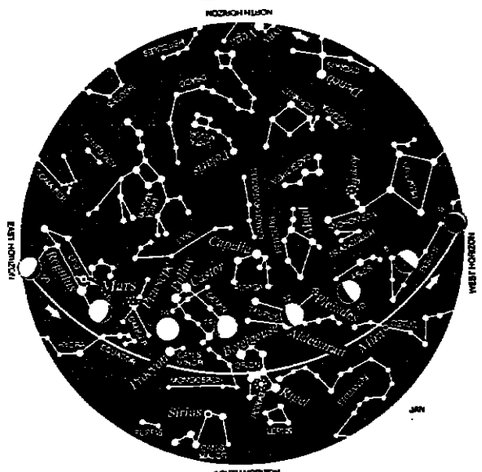
MERCURY starts the new year as an evening star, reaching greatest eastern elongation (19deg.) on the 19th when it sets an hour and a half after the Sun. It should be visible low in the southwest in evening twilight from mid-month through it fades from -1 magnitude on the 14th to +1 mag. by the 31st.

Venus is a brilliant -4.4 magnitude morning star rising four hours before the Sun early in the month. It will move closer to the Sun each week and from late March until superior conjunction in August it will rise no more than an hour before the Sun and be observable only in a bright sky. Venus will pass 3 deg. north of Jupiter on the 14th and 8 deg. north of the bright orange star Antares on the 15th. In mid-month Venus is half illuminated, appearing in a telescope like the last quarter Moon. The waning crescent Moon will be near Venus on the morning of the 27th.

Mars is stationary on the 4th and then retrogrades through Leo, brightening to -1 magnitude by the 31st. Mars passes 4 deg. north of Regulus on the 28th. Moon to the south on the 19th.

Jupiter is in Ophiuchus, the -1.8mag. planet rising about 04h by the 31st. Jupiter, near Venus on the 14th, passes 5 deg. north of Antares on the 23rd. Moon nearby on the 26th/27th. These approaches of the crescent Moon and Venus to Jupiter should make attractive dawn groupings during the second half of January.

Saturn is on the borders of Pisces and Aquarius, +1 magnitude and setting by 19h by the 31st. Later in 1995, Saturn's rings will for a time be edge-on to the earth and then to the Sun. As the rings are already reflecting less sunlight towards us, Saturn appears fainter than in recent years when the tilt of the rings was greater and the rings were more "open". Moon to the north on the 5th.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the article unless otherwise stated.

Uranus is in Sagittarius reaching conjunction with the Sun on the 17th. Neptune is to the west of Uranus and reaches conjunction on the 13th. Neither will be observable this month.

The Moon's phases: new Moon, 1d 11h; first quarter, 8d 16h; full Moon, 16d 20h; last quarter, 24d 05h; new Moon, 30d 23h. The Earth is at perihelion (closest to the sun at 147 million km) on the 4th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 00m and on the 31st at 16h 45m while sunrise is at 08h 08m and 7h 40m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 05m and 18h 45m early and late in the month and begins again at 06h 05m and 05h 45m.

Algol, the eclipsing binary star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. It will appear faint this month about the following times: 7d 02h, 9d 23h, 12d 19h and 30d 01h.

Conditions for seeing the Quadrantid meteor shower are good this year as maximum activity, which lasts only a few hours, occurs about 22h on the evening of the 3rd. In some years maximum occurs in daylight for observers in western Europe or there is a bright Moon. In moonlight only the brighter meteors can be seen. This year the Moon is new on the 1st and will not interfere.

The numbers of Quadrantid meteors vary from year to year but sometimes reach 50 or more an hour. The meteors appear to radiate from an area of sky lying between Bootes, Hercules, Draco and the tail of Ursa Major. This area lies low in the northern sky during January evenings, making it easy to view. However, the low altitude also reduces the number likely to be seen.

Seeing Venus with the naked eye with the Sun above the horizon is an interesting pastime. The main factors that affect the visibility of an object in daylight are its brightness, angular distance from the Sun, its altitude above the horizon, clarity of the atmosphere and the observer's eyes. In January Venus is well-placed for daytime observation. It is west of the Sun and so can be followed from a dark sky, through morning twilight into daylight. It is higher in the sky than the Sun during the morning when the sky is often at its most cloud-free and transparent.

To stand any chance of success the sky must be blue and not at all milky white. Stand in shadow so that direct sunlight does not distract the eyes. A few clouds may help one's eyes to focus at infinity: failing to relax the eyes for distant viewing is a common reason for failing to see Venus. If possible fix its position before sunrise, then estimate where it will be later in relation to a tree or pole. It moves westwards about 15 degrees per hour. Binoculars will make finding Venus much easier. Do not look towards the Sun with them however or eye damage could occur.

On December 8, the writer found Venus several times with the naked eye until after noon when it was sinking towards the west and the blue sky became milky. The sky had been clear blue after rain the night before. On April 1, 1990, Jupiter was 3 deg. from the first quarter Moon and quite easily visible to the naked eye before sunset. One knew just where to look and one could focus on the Moon. Such opportunities are rare.

Owing to production problems the Night Sky diagram was published without this article in yesterday's issue.

The Times Night Sky 1995 booklet contains monthly charts, and notes on the year's astronomical events and important developments in astronomy and spaceflight. It is available from bookshops price £3.50 or by post from: Mail Order Department, Harper-Collins Publishers, Westerhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 2QT. Tel: 041 772 2282 (24 hours), price £3.50 plus £2.50 p&p.

Changes to councils threaten archaeology

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

FORTHCOMING changes in local government will have a serious, although unintended, impact on archaeology. The fragmentation of several counties into smaller unitary authorities will leave at least 35 of the latter too small to support the minimum number of archaeological conservation and recording staff necessary.

"In these unviable areas the level and quality of heritage conservation services are bound to decline," David Baker, the Bedfordshire county archaeologist, said. "The process of reorganisation will cost money locally, within budgets already hard-pressed, and in addition may introduce instability to the system."

Writing in *British Archaeological News*, Mr Baker suggests that attaching archaeological services to a "lead authority", with costs shared among several of the new areas, might be an answer. Nevertheless, some proposals from existing councils did not show any understanding "that historic-environment work is most effective when undertaken by a team, and when expertise and information are combined."

Threats arise especially where splitting up existing counties creates an imbalance of wealth, particularly where areas poor in revenues are rich in archaeology; in Northumberland the proposed urban Blyth/Wansbeck area would be relatively wealthy and have only 166 recorded sites, while the remaining rural area with 7,000 sites would be comparatively poor.

At the national level, the funding of archaeological science is threatened by abolition of the Science-Based Archaeology Committee (SBAC) and its subsumption into an Earth Sciences Committee with only a single archaeologist on it. The SBAC currently distributes more than £1 million for projects where the archaeological outcome is paramount; there are fears that under the proposed structure, the originality of the scientific methods used, rather than their results, would be the granting criterion.

"Science-based archaeology is heavily applied, not pure science," Professor Bernard Wood, the SBAC chairman, said. "We would like there to be a mechanism whereby the archaeological context of grant proposals can be given assessment". So far this year, less government money is on offer than before to support such projects as the study of prehistoric trade.

Meanwhile, the Irish government has improved the standing of archaeology. Under the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994, the State will own all archaeological objects found in the Republic. Finds must be reported to the National Museum. Any sale or disposal of archaeological objects must be reported within a month, and possession or sale of new finds is an offence unless the government waives its ownership.

Ireland now has an antiquities law covering all material, while in England and Wales the outdated law of treasure trove, concerning only gold and silver, is still the only relevant legislation.

The British Museum is backing reintroduction of the Treasure Bill, which fell recently in the face of objections from a few MPs; although the auction houses and dealers will continue to oppose any controls on archaeological objects, the lack of protection for the English heritage is becoming an international scholarly embarrassment.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr O.B. Beane and Miss G.S. Lloyd-Kitchen
The engagement is announced between Oliver Benjamin, son of Mr Kenneth Beane, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs Jibby Beane, of Gloucester Terrace, and Georgina Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Lloyd-Kitchen, of Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire.

Mr B.R.H. Burrough and Miss P.J. Collyer
The engagement is announced between Bryan, eldest son of Mr Alan Burrough, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and the late Mrs Rosemary Burrough, and Philippa, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Peter Collyer, of Boughton-under-Blean, Kent.

Mr N.G. Gibson and Miss G.C. Arnold
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr C.G. Gibson, of Carcassonne, France, and Mrs M.A. Gibson, of Fulham, London, and Georgina, daughter of Mr A.J. Arnold, of Trinity, Jersey and the late Mrs Diana Arnold.

Mr M.R.H. Smith and Miss R.A.L. Cutter
The engagement is announced between Matthew Robert Hockley, son of Mr and Mrs John H. Smith, of Bladon, Oxon, and Rachel Anne Littlehales, daughter of Rev and Mrs John Cutter, of Winchester.

New Year Honours

Henry Steuart Fothringham of Grantully was among those made an OBE in the New Year Honours. His name was given incorrectly in early editions of *The Times* on Saturday.

Latest wills

Sir David **Napley**, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, solicitor, late senior partner in Kingsley Napley, and president of the Law Society 1976-77, left estate valued at £194,595 net.

Mr David Frank **Vissenga**, of Honiton, Devon, left estate valued at £999,626 net.
He left £2,000 to the Conservative Association, of 45 Imperial Road, Exmouth, and the residue equally between the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolks Help, National Trust and the British Red Cross Society.

Recent estates include (net before tax):
Mr Israel **Ackerman**, of Waltham Abbey, Essex ... £573,265
Brigid Mary **Balfour**, of Dane End, Hertfordshire ... £885,942
Mr Frederick George **Bennett**, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire ... £591,537
Mrs Elsie May **Bowman**, of Solihull, West Midlands £669,024
Phyllis Eileen **Cooling**, of Ewhurst, Surrey ... £725,869
Mrs Elizabeth Bertha **Cooper**, of Hove, East Sussex £1,034,513
Norah Maud **Gould**, of Seaton, Devon ... £585,266
Mrs Martha Thorp **Herbert**, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire ... £579,925
Mr Frederick David **Holloway**, of Middleton, Warwickshire ... £772,815
Mr Jack Henry **Lambert**, of Earsham, Norfolk ... £1,061,916
Mr Maurice Henry **Marks**, of London NW4 ... £2,006,320
Mr Albert George **Moore**, of Guildford, Surrey ... £719,322
Mrs Rosina Mary **Munro**, of Yeovil, Somerset ... £519,149
Mrs Annie **Preston**, of Earby, Lancashire ... £861,704
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BOURNE - On 29th December 1994, at the Chelsea and Westminster, to Lucy (née Pollock) and Ian, a son, Sebastian George Francis.
DYMOKE - On December 29th to Kathryn (née Topham) and Charles, a son, Angus John Topham.
FARRER - On December 23rd 1994, to Melanie (née Dixon-Green) and Paul, a son, Archie, a brother for Jack and Oliver.
JOHN - On January 1st at St Thomas', London, to Louise (née Bales) and Paul, a son George Harry Penrhiw, a brother for Hugh.
LISS - On 23rd December 1994 in Stockholm, Peter and Ann-Marie announce the birth of their first child, Alexei Isaac Wei-Guang Liss.
MARR - On December 30th 1994 at Queen Charlottes Hospital, London, to Antonia (née Bland) and Graeme, a son, Alexander Roderick Colquhoun.
MORGAN - On New Years Day 1995, to Janice and Gordon, a son, Matthew Kieran, a brother for Holly Pelagayle.
SAMUELSON - On December 30th, to Susie and Dominic, a son Charles Robert Louis, a brother for Sophie and George.
TOWNSEND - On 22nd December, to Sally (née Andrewes Uthwatt) and Simon, a son, James Thomas William.

BIRTHS

SMITH - On Friday December 23rd 1994 at 12:30 pm to Robyn and Nicole a son Alexander Charles Austin. Just settled from Canada. Grandson of Germaine Ethier and Peggy & Robert Himes, and nephew of Kevin & Joan, Guy & Carl.

DEATHS

ARBUTHNOT - On Sunday, 1st January 1995, at Ramsey Isle of Man, Dame Mary Evelyn Arbuthnot, Dame of Honour of the Order of Lippe, Dame of Justice of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem. Funeral on Tuesday, 10th January, 11 am for service and interment at Kirk Christ, Lezayre, Isle of Man. Enquiries to Corkhill & Callow Ltd., 34 West Quay, Ramsey. Tel: 0624 813114
BARBER - Ronny, on 1st January 1995, peacefully at Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, after a brief illness. Devoted wife of the late Basil A. Barber, dearly beloved mother of Peter and mother-in-law of Susan, loving grandmother of Abigail and Matthew, and much loved sister of Derek and Dick Oxley. Private cremation at Aldershot, will be followed by memorial services in Essex and Hampshire to be notified later. No flowers please, but donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8BB.
BECKLEY - On 26th December peacefully in hospital shortly after a sever stroke Helen Raleigh aged 86. Loving mother of Liz, Janet and Richard, proud granny of James, Emily, Sophie, David, Catriona and Georgina. Private cremation, memorial service January 24th at 12:30 pm at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, East Sussex. Family flowers only, donations to Foundation for the study of Infant Death, c/o C. Waterhouse and Sons, High Street, Burwash, TN19 7ET.
CHAVASSE - (née Percival-Maxwell). On December 30th 1994, peacefully at home, Cappagh House, Cappagh, Co. Waterford, in her 93rd year, Oonah Hyacinth, beloved wife of Kendal and mother of Hal and Anne (Coltart). Private family funeral. Thanksgiving service in Lismore Cathedral on 21st January at 2:30 pm.
CLAYTON/BOYTON - Quietly in hospital after a worrying illness, Jean Clayton formerly Dr Jean Boyton of Highgate Group Practice. Beloved wife of John Clayton, much loved by her families, friends and patients alike. Thanksgiving service will be held in St Mary's Church, Burstall, near Ipswich at 2:30 pm on Thursday January 5th. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Kingsbury and Saunders, 61 George Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich IP7 5BW.
COOPER - On December 21st, peacefully at his son's home in Watford, George Ronald, known affectionately to colleagues and students as "Doc", loved father of Verity and Martin and grandfather of Nina and Andrew. Funeral at St Lukes, Watford, on Thursday 5th January at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, payable to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Longman Funerals, 11 King Street, Watford, tel: (01923) 223121.
DINGWALL-FORDYCE - On December 31st 1994 at Bruckhay, Maud, Aberdeenshire, Innthe, daughter of the late A. Dingwall-Fordyce, FRCPE, and the late Mrs Dingwall-Fordyce. Funeral service at Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazlehead, (west chapel) on Wednesday January 4th at 11:05 am.
DOWMUNT - On January 2nd 1995, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely endured, Diana Constance. Dearly loved wife of Teddy and loving mother of Basia and Tony and grandmother of Naomi, Francesca, Charis, Henry and Zosia. Private funeral and no flowers at her request.
ELGAR - On New Years Eve suddenly and peacefully after a protracted illness Mary, beloved wife of John. Funeral private.
GREGG - On 31st December 1994, peacefully in Chichester, William David CBE, aged 82 years, formerly of Seychelles, Uganda, Kenya, Hong Kong and Somalia. Husband of the late Margaret, much loved father of Elisabeth, Alison and the late Alan, grandfather and great grandfather. Family funeral.
GROGAN - On January 1st, in Dublin, peacefully after a short illness, Reverend father John (Jack) aged 74. Parish priest at St. Patrick's Chislehurst, formerly priest at Stockwell, Brighton and Deptford.
HAEFFNER - On Thursday 29th December peacefully at home, Henry Bruno aged 79 years. Dearly loved husband of Patricia, proud and loving father of Jean and Edward and much loved grandfather of Jacqueline, Patricia, Alexandra, Christopher and Piers. Funeral service and interment at St Canadion's Church, Rockfield, near Monmouth, Gwent on Friday 6th January 1995 at 11:30 am. No flowers by request, but if desired donations in his memory for The Glider Pilot Regiment Benevolent Fund maybe sent to: Mr G A H Cooper, 3A London Road, Hindhead, Surrey.
HOPPER - E.M.S. (Sue), formerly of Lodge Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, peacefully on 22nd December 1994. Funeral Service at St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, at 11.30am Friday 6th January 1995, together with Memorial Service for Dr. J.H. Hopper (Jim). Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers for the Friends of St Wulfram's Church may be directed to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.
HOWARTH - On 30th December suddenly Nancy, widow of John Howarth, much loved mother of Jeremy, sister of Toni, mother-in-law of Sally and grandmother of Juliet, Christopher and Camilla. Funeral to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Milford on Friday 6th January 1995 at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. Inquiries to John Bardgett and Sons, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tel: 091 273 9292.
MACKAY-JARVIS - Rosemary Anne (Ba), of Glencruitten, aged 78 years. On December 31st, 1994, at the Glasgow Nuffield Hospital after an heroic fight against cancer. Much loved wife of Peter and mother of Susannah, the late Perrier, Nicola and Maxine, beloved sister of Elizabeth and dear grandmother. Funeral at St. John's Cathedral, Oban, Argyll, on Saturday, 7th January at noon.
MORGAN - On Saturday December 31st, 1994, died peacefully in hospital after a very long and courageous struggle, Enid Stella Monro, most devoted and much loved wife of Jack and loving sister of Edward, Bessie and Iris. The funeral, restricted to the family was held on Monday, January 2nd 1995.
OWEN - Tony, beloved husband of Denise, on December 20th at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.
PLUMMER - Peacefully at South Park House, Hexham on December 28th aged 98. Muriel widow of Ben, dearest mother of Lynne and the late Joyce and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private in accordance with her wishes.
ROMANES - On December 28th 1994, Julian, dear son of Giles and Margaret Romanes and brother of Jane and Lindy. Lovingly cared for in Pitlochry, Perthshire. Cremation private. Eucharist in his memory at Hillfield Friary, Dorset on Friday January 13th at 12:15 pm.
ROWLAND - On December 27th 1994, at home after a long illness, Peter Morton Bayard Rowland, B.A. LL.B., a much loved husband and friend. Funeral Service on Thursday 5th January at The Baptist Church, Broughton, Skeldridge, Hants, at 1.45pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.
SANDON - On Thursday 29th December 1994, peacefully at home after a long and courageous fight against cancer, Sarah Nichola Hobhouse Ryder, Viscountess Sandon, aged 40, dearly beloved wife of Conroy (Freddie) and devoted mother of Hugo, Freddie, Henry and Emily. Adored daughter of Anthony and Joan Payne, sister of John and Timothy and daughter-in-law of The Earl and Countess of Harrowby. Funeral 3:00 pm Friday 6th January, 1995 at St. Mary's, Shipton-under-Wychwood; family flowers only. Private burial at Sandon Church on Saturday 7th January. Donations in her memory may be sent to:- Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, Britten Street, London SW3 T24. Enquiries to E. Taylor and Son, Funeral Directors (0993 842421).
STABAGE - Robert, beloved husband of Edith, father of Thomas and Robin, and grandfather of Richard, Roxanne and James. Passed away at Bishop's House, Bloemfontein, Republic of South Africa on 1st January 1995 in his 89th year. May he rest in peace, grow in love and rise in glory.
SWEETING - Marjorie, Geographer. On Saturday 31st December in her 78th year, after a lengthy illness stoicly borne. Fellow Emeritus St Hughes College, Oxford, former associate Newnham College, Cambridge. A loved and respected colleague, friend and teacher. Funeral Church Enstone Parish Church, Oxfordshire, 2:30 pm, Friday 6th January. All enquiries to 0344 883407. A memorial meeting will be held in Oxford later.
TWYFORD - On December 28th peacefully in hospital, Sidney Hamilton, loved husband of Williamina (Billie) and loving father of Robert, Toby and the late John, grandfather of Fiona, Joanna, Thomas, Harry and Robert Richard. Private interment. Service of thanksgiving at 2 pm on Friday 13th January at St Andrew's Church, Kingswood Surrey. Family flowers only.
WEBB - On December 26th 1994 peacefully, Elsbeth aged 91 years, beloved wife of Roderick. Funeral Service at Woking St John's Crematorium on Friday 6th January 1995 at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, 158-160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.
WHITTEN - Kay (née Williams), of Lodsworth and Epsom, peacefully on 30th December. Funeral service of thanksgiving for her long life at St Martins Parish Church, Epsom on Monday 9th January at 2:30 pm. Family flowers only with donations in her memory to The Childrens Society c/o Messrs W.A. Trustees, 14 Church St, Epsom KT17 4AB. Her ashes will be interred in Lodsworth in the spring.

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OBITUARIES

MOHAMED SIAD BARRE

Mohamed Siad Barre, President of Somalia, 1969-91, died in Lagos, Nigeria, on January 1. His age, officially, was 75 but he was believed to be about ten years older. He was born in Ganane, northwest of Mogadishu, close to the border with Kenya.



Siad Barre towards the end of his autocratic rule

DURING more than two decades of ruthless dictatorial rule, Muhammed Siad Barre destroyed the delicate system of counterweights by which, for centuries, the mostly nomadic clans of Somalia had balanced their power and settled their disputes. With stunning ineptness he also mismanaged his country's foreign relations, launching and losing a war with neighbouring Ethiopia and ineffectively attempting to play off superpower rivalries.

Having seized power with Soviet help in a military coup he lost Moscow's support in 1977 and found subsequent backing from the United States lukewarm given Mogadishu's flagrant abuses of human rights, the legacy of its doctrinaire socialism and the easing of East-West rivalry in Africa. Although he liberalised the economy in the 1980s under pressure from Washington, he relied more and more on his own clan for support, stoking the fires of rebellion elsewhere and eventually bringing about total anarchy. His misrule was all the more striking given that Somalia was the one African state populated by one ethnic group that shared one culture and one religion.

Born, according to the official record, in 1919 in the district of Lugh (Ganane) northwest of Mogadishu near the Kenyan-Ethiopian border on the upper reaches of the Juba River, Mohamed Siad Barre spent the first part of his life in the traditional Somali fashion herding camels. He also acquired the usual grounding in Islam at a Koranic school in the bush, receiving more formal Western schooling later.

After the British forces defeated the Italians in 1941, he served in the police force recruited by the British military administration, which in various ways trained so many people who were later to become prominent figures in Somali politics. He reached the rank of chief inspector with the British and when an Italian administration took over in 1950 he was earmarked for further training with the Carabinieri in Italy. Subsequently he also took courses in political science and administration.

Following Somalia's independence in 1960, when the Somali National Army was created, Siad Barre moved over from the police, soon becoming deputy commander and, in 1965, commander.

During this period of vigorous, democratic civilian rule in Somalia, Siad Barre remained in the background. But when the armed forces seized power in the "bloodless" coup of October 1969, he quickly took control, locking up some of his radical colonels as well as leading public figures, including the civilian politicians.

To differentiate itself from the "corrupt" civilian governments of the past, the new regime quickly announced its dedication to Scientific Socialism which, Siad Barre proclaimed, was perfectly compatible with his countrymen's traditional devotion to the Islamic faith. Leading a Supreme Revolutionary Council, mainly composed of military colleagues, he set out to liberate Somalia from "poverty, disease and ignorance" and to build a united country.

Through the media, the public was exhorted to ever greater efforts of patriotism, by slogans coined by a leader who was soon hailed as a "father" of a people whose "mother" was the "Revolution" (as the coup was retrospectively named). This unfamiliar cult of personality which, at the highpoint of the Soviet presence, included the trinity of "Comrade Marx, Comrade Lenin and Comrade Siad", painted on the walls of Orientation Centres throughout the state, was reinforced by a force of People's Vigilantes and the ever-present National Security Service, led by the President's son-in-law. These pervasive totalitarian institutions contrasted sharply with the deceptively modest, unassuming personal image Siad Barre reserved for visitors and foreign diplomats.

In internal politics he excelled in blending threats and blandishments in the manipulation of traditional Somali clan loyalties (which he claimed to have abolished). He possessed immense energy, working late at night and in the early hours of the morning when foreign ambassadors and others would be summarily summoned. Although he eventually (in 1976) went through the motions of establishing a political party (the Somali Socialist Revolutionary Party) and a constitution, under his rule Somalia remained not so much a one-party as a one-man state. As cynical Somalis observed, Scientific Socialism (or Siadism as some called it) was appropriate for this style of government which, as public disaffection grew, became increasingly brutal, corrupt and inefficient.

Siad Barre nursed an ambition to bring all the Somali-speaking people of East Africa under his wing. There were Somali clans across the border in Kenya and in Ethiopia and for years he waged intermittent border war with his neighbours.

After the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974 he attempted to exploit the chaos in Ethiopia by launching a more determined attempt to win control of the Ogaden.

It proved a gross miscalculation. Moscow withdrew its military aid and began backing the Mengistu regime in Addis Ababa. On the battlefield the Ethiopians inflicted a crushing defeat on the Somalis.

This bitter reverse to Somali aspirations and the ensuing exodus of hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees from Ethiopia into Somalia created appalling economic and political difficulties. Discontent among Somalia's soldiers led to an unsuccessful coup attempt, after which about 80 ringleaders were shot in the northern city of Hargeisa.

The impact of these problems, aggravated by clan tensions and growing public discontent as Siad Barre's rule became increasingly tyrannical in the late 1980s, began seriously to threaten the integrity of the state. The last straw, ironically, was his peace agreement in 1988 with the Ethiopian leader, Colonel Mengistu, under which both sides agreed to cease supporting anti-government Somali guerrillas in each country. The Ogaden Somalis felt betrayed by Siad Barre, and the Somali National Movement, whose bases in Ethiopia were to be closed, launched a fierce attack on government forces in their own clan territory of northern Somalia. In the ensuing months, this northern civil war gradually spread to the south as the Ogadenis (prominent in the army) and other clansmen turned against Siad Barre and his Marehan clan.

Rejecting angrily all suggestions that he should retire, Siad Barre stubbornly clung to power.

As armed opposition became more organised and threatening, he relied increasingly on his own clan and desperately exploited the divisions of his opponents. By the summer of 1990, government control had shrunk to the area around the capital city, and the President was derisively dubbed "Mayor of Mogadishu".

Even here law and order was breaking down with sporadic shooting incidents, armed robbery and looting as food and other basic supplies became increasingly scarce and inflation soared. Drawing much of its support from the Hawiye clans whose home town is Mogadishu, the United Somali Congress moved into the city. At the end of December, after the murder of some of its prominent elders by Siad Barre's forces, the USC launched a fierce attack on the capital. By January 25, after the closure of foreign embassies and the evacuation of expatriates, the President's military garrison was overrun and Siad Barre and his personal bodyguard fled south. Forced into exile, he took refuge first in Kenya before being given asylum in Nigeria.

Siad Barre's one positive achievement was his introduction in 1972 of a written script for the previously unwritten national language.

He two wives were Khadija and Dalayat and he was reported to have fathered 29 children.

DEREK BURRELL-DAVIS

Derek Burrell-Davis, television producer, died of cancer in Poole, Dorset, on Christmas Day aged 76. He was born on July 8, 1918.

DEREK BURRELL-DAVIS was one of the pioneers of live television broadcasting. He was one of the group of wartime officers who sought a career in television because it was new, exciting and challenging.

Joining BBC Television in 1950 he arrived at a time when outside broadcasts were in the forefront of television programmes. The Coronation of the Queen made television a necessity in millions of households and Burrell-Davis, in charge of the Grosvenor Gate unit, was one of the producers responsible for the Coronation Day programme.

He began to specialise in major outside broadcasts and for many years he was the producer of one of the mainstays of BBC TV's Christmas programmes, Billy Smart's Circus.

The Queen's Christmas Day message at 3pm, followed at 3.15pm by the circus, became as familiar on Christmas afternoons as *Christmas Night with the Stars*.

He was the first TV producer in the North of England and gave the late Eddie Waring his first rugby league commentary and David Coleman his first athletics commentary. He launched *Top of the Form* on television and was the first to bring the Royal Tournament live to television screens.

In 1970, when the BBC decided to expand production from London into the regions, he went to Manchester as head of network production, responsible for radio and television. He ensured that Manchester became a lively centre of excellence and supervised the move into New Broadcasting House.

A tall bespectacled man, always well dressed, Burrell-Davis was a man of substance and style. He brought a showman's flair to all his programmes and took meticulous care in preparing them.

Burrell-Davis was born in York and was educated at Repton. Afterwards he studied law and estate management and joined the Territorial Army.

He saw wartime service in the Royal Engineers and came out a captain, having served in France, the Middle East, India and Burma.

After the war he joined the J. Arthur Rank Organisation at Denham Studios and later worked at Pinewood Studios as a production planner.

Burrell-Davis married for the first time in 1946 and he and his wife Joan had a son, who predeceased him, and two daughters. In 1971 he married for the second time Mary David, who had also made her own career in broadcasting.

DR RONALD HENSON

Dr Ronald Henson, neurologist and musician, died at Newnham, Gloucestershire, on December 1 aged 79. He was born in Chippenham, Wiltshire, on October 9, 1915.



RONALD HENSON was a neurologist at the London Hospital and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in Maida Vale. His long career spanned the changes in medical practice caused by the Second World War, by the introduction of the National Health Service, and by the technological methods that have revolutionised neurological practice and research.

Ronald Alfred Henson was educated at King Edward School, Bath, and entered the London Hospital Medical College as a medical student in 1935. At the onset of the war he undertook temporary house appointments in the Emergency Medical Service in the East End before joining the Oxford Head Injuries Centre, which had been set up under the leadership of Sir Hugh Cairns, who had himself recently moved to Oxford from the London Hospital.

This experience with Cairns determined Henson's career in neurology. He returned to the London Hospital as medical first assistant in 1947 and joined Russell Brain on the staff as neurologist in 1949. At the London, and with his subsidiary appointment at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, he was surrounded by colleagues at the forefront of developments in contemporary clinical neuroscience, particularly in neuropathology and the newly developing understanding of auto-immune disease.

In this environment he developed an interest in the remote and direct neurological complications of cancer, leading to a seminal series of papers that described these clinical syndromes and explored their pathogenesis. This work was carried out in a research unit funded by the Imperial Cancer Research Campaign. With colleagues he established the context of this work in an influential monograph, *Cancer and the Nervous System* (1982).

There were other important forces in Henson's life, in particular teaching. He found students' youthful enthusiasm an invigorating experience in the face of the relentless pressures of clinical practice. He was very keen on cricket, and was often to be found on his way to the MCC.

He had a strong, quiet faith, and served for nine years on the Archbishop's Committee on Divine Healing. The most persistent inquiries from sceptical medical colleagues, however, never revealed the conversations of this committee.

He would discourse at length on English watercolourists and, as an accomplished pianist and organist, sought ways to integrate his musical and neurological interests. This culminated in the publication, with Macdonald Critchley, of *Music and the Brain* (1977), a book that perhaps fell uncomfortably between the two disciplines rather than uniting them.

He was increasingly occupied with musical affairs while living in London and served as chairman of the London Bach Society for eight years. When he retired from neurological practice in 1981, he was appointed to the Arts Council. In his last years, living on the banks of the Severn, he served as chairman of the Cheltenham International Music Festival and supported the Three Choirs Festival.

He is survived by his wife Frances, whom he married in 1941, and by two of their three daughters.

ROBERT TONG



Robert Tong, OBE, Registrar of Queen Mary College, University of London, 1946-79, died in Ely on December 17 aged 82. He was born on December 29, 1911.

WHEN in 1945, Queen Mary College returned from its wartime exile to its London home, from the hospitality of King's College, Cambridge, to the small and battered campus in the Mile End Road, it faced huge problems of reconstruction. It was fortunate to be able to appoint Robert Tong, recently demobilised with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, to the post of Registrar in 1946.

The transformation of the college during the next thirty years into a greatly extended and largely rebuilt multi-faculty school of the university owed more to Robert Tong than to any other single person. During those years he also became a leading figure among university administrators and took a leading role in the inception and implementation of the Universities Central Council on Admissions (Ucca).

Under four successive principals at Queen Mary College, he was the constant mainspring of developments. In the early years progress was slow and his patience was tried, but by the time he retired in 1979 not only were there major new extensions on the central and western parts of the campus, housing engineering, physics, chemistry, biology and the students' union, with four new halls of residence at Woodford, but plans existed — most of which have since been realised — for further developments to the east, including a new library and a preclinical medical sciences block.

Tong was a very effective head of the college administration. It was his constant aim to provide a bridge between the administration and the academics, and between the college authorities and the student body, to avoid confrontation and to promote harmony — a policy which paid off in the troubled 1960s, when QMC was among the less turbulent institutions in the university.

A graduate of St John's College, Cambridge, Robert Percy Tong took up schoolmastering before the war. He was a housemaster and director of music at King's School, Canterbury, where he also met his wife Cissie, who was the matron. She predeceased him by some years.

His war service took him to France with the BEF, to North Africa and to the Middle East; he ended the war in a staff position, having been mentioned in dispatches in 1940 and appointed OBE in 1946. He was always reticent about his war experiences.

His army career left its marks, however, in his brisk manner and in his abilities as a manager; he was always approachable, open and friendly, firm but sympathetic, and he related particularly well to young people.

In the University of London he chaired the senate committee on the students' union and the military education committee. As a member of the group set up by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals to consider co-ordinated student admission procedures he became one of the founding fathers of Ucca, and served as its vice-chairman for several years.

He was active, too, in Essex as a member of the county education committee and chairman of the governors of the Chelmsford College of Technology, as a Justice of the Peace and as churchwarden and organist at St Paul's Church, Bentley.

Because of the historic association of Queen Mary College and the Drapers' Company, he was a frequent visitor to Drapers' Hall, and in 1966 he was granted the freedom of the company by presentation.

It was through music that Robert Tong expressed himself most strongly; it was described as his love and his anchor. He delighted in music-making of all kinds — choirs, madrigal groups, orchestras and soloists all benefited from his enthusiastic leadership and encouragement, and as an honorary director of music at QMC he gave immense pleasure over the years to generations of staff and students who were enabled to share in his infectious enthusiasm.

The tradition he established continues in the greatly enlarged community of Queen Mary and Westfield College — one of the many tangible memorials to him that remain.

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BOTTLES IN THE SEA

Many years ago now, as I was walking with others along the seashore, our excitement was aroused on espying a small bottle among the seaweed, and on finding in it a paper which bore the message "Just sinking; say goodbye to all friends," the name of the ship and the date. At a shipping office in Edinburgh we learned that it was a hoax: there was no ship of such a name, but this was the beginning of my love for sending messages by the sea.

The east coast of Scotland, near North Berwick, where the great Bass Rock stands out at the southern entrance to the Firth of Forth, and with Norway as the nearest land to the east, is particularly rocky, so that it is only at the turn of high tide that a message could be successfully sent off in a bottle. I decided that a soda-water bottle was the best to be used, on account of its strength, size and shape. In the bottle I placed a letter addressed to a friend in Cambridgeshire, asking her to let me know at once if she received it. On another piece of paper I wrote a request to anyone who found the bottle to post the letter and to write "Found on shore" at whatever place the bottle was picked up and the date of posting. Then, having firmly corked the bottle and put much red sealing-wax on the cork and down the neck of the bottle, to attract attention, I threw the bottle into the sea. The tide had just turned, there was a strong westerly gale, and to my joy I saw my message being safely and rapidly carried out. Five months later I received a letter from Cambridgeshire and also my ocean letter; it had come from Jutland, and the Danish postal authorities had courteously forwarded it free of charge. It was thrown into the sea in November and arrived in Jutland in the following April.

Another letter was posted in the same way and from the same spot. It took nearly seven months to reach Norway, where kind people sent it to its destination. I sent it off in December and it was found the next June by a man at Prest, in Norway. After some years I threw another letter into the sea in the Bay of Biscay on my way home from Egypt on board *SS Orontes* off Ushant on April 14, 1910; this one was found at Roscoff, in France, on April 28, 1910, and kindly forwarded at once to the address in Egypt, which it reached in three weeks.

ON THIS DAY

January 3 1936

The bottle sender seems to have become strongly addicted to the hobby, for he ends his article with the hope that the one he "posted" off Exmouth on October 15 would eventually reach its destination in Yorkshire.

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NEWS

Yeltsin threatened by humiliation

■ Chechen separatist fighters yesterday claimed they had repulsed a three-day offensive against the capital Grozny after Russian forces became bogged down in heavy street fighting.

In a humiliating setback which could put President Yeltsin's leadership under threat, lightly-armed Chechen irregulars appeared to have halted and beaten back a larger force of Russian troops in fierce house-to-house fighting..... **Pages 1, 9**

Jams and snow bring misery to roads

■ Huge traffic jams brought misery to the end of the Christmas holiday last night as motorists struggled home through snow and ice. The RAC reported jams along 120 miles of road, the worst tailback being on 40 miles of the M6 through Cumbria and Lancashire. The roads were overloaded by holidaymakers who had delayed their journeys..... **Page 1**

West case goes on

The Crown Prosecution Service said that it would proceed with the prosecution against Rosemary West, the wife of builder Frederick West, despite claims that his suicide left the case against her weak ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Blair's demand

Tony Blair is to demand greater self-discipline from his shadow ministerial team after a succession of blunders angered MPs and activists..... **Page 1**

Hurd's campaign

Douglas Hurd countered Euroscepticism in the Conservative Party by launching a campaign to highlight the benefits of membership of the EU..... **Page 2**

Duchess changes

The Prince of Wales arrived for a skiing holiday in Klosters after the Duchess of York agreed to vacate her hotel room to make way for him..... **Page 3**

Fear of crime

Fear of violent crime in Britain by far outweighs the real risk of assault, according to a BBC survey. The poll shows that people believe that 26 per cent of the population will become a victim in the next 12 months ..... **Page 5**

Stormont fire

A fire severely damaged the Stormont parliament buildings near Belfast, destroying the historic debating chamber..... **Page 5**

Rise in abortions

Record numbers of women are obtaining abortions on the NHS as a result of a change of heart by senior NHS staff who are diverting funds from other areas to pay for them..... **Page 7**

Child witness

A girl aged three was under police guard at a secret address after telling detectives that she witnessed the murder of her mother by three women ... **Page 7**

Settlement frozen

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, said that the Government was freezing settler building on a disputed West Bank hilltop but would allow it to proceed on another nearby site..... **Page 8**

Out of sight

Iran, at the forefront of the campaign to turn back the tide of Western influence, announced that it was ready to tear down all satellite dishes..... **Page 8**

Barry returns

Washington's prodigal son, Marion Barry, was sworn in as the city's Mayor almost five years after he was forced out of office by an FBI drugs "sting" ..... **Page 9**

Secret bombing plan

Britain and Australia planned extensive bombing raids over Indonesia in 1964 if Jakarta stepped-up its confrontation with the new Malaysian Federation, secret documents have revealed..... **Page 9**

Tax freedom a little later this year

■ Taxpayers may want to celebrate May 29 as "tax freedom day", this year, even though they will, on average, need five more days than in 1994 to meet the taxman's demands. According to annual calculations from the Adam Smith Institute the number of days employees need to work to settle their taxes is 149 this year, up from 144 last year..... **Page 2**

YANNIS BEHRAKIS



Captured Russian soldiers in their prison cell in Grozny yesterday as the Russian Army launched a huge attack. **Pages 1, 9**

BUSINESS

Saatchi: Maurice Saatchi will bow out today from Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency which he created with his brother Charles. Mr Saatchi intends to refuse the offer of a continuing role as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide..... **Page 32**

Builders: A construction industry leader has a warning about interest rate increases for fear that it would cause further difficulties for housebuilding..... **Page 32**

Pensions: General Accident is set to disclose cuts in its bonus payments today on certain of the company's life and pension policies. The company stresses, however, that it does not plan to advise home buyers with endowment policies to increase their premiums... **Page 32**

FEATURES

Diagnosis: Polymyalgia rheumatica is tricky. No one is quite sure how common it is..... **Page 10**

Nigella Lawson: "What is wrong with private education is not that it is bought but that those who are buying it for their children are putting none of their energies into state education"..... **Page 11**

Writer in a million: "It's wonderful to have made a lot of money, but it's simply a by-product of what I do very successfully. I write because I want to. It makes me feel good" — Barbara Taylor Bradford talks to Julia Llewellyn Smith..... **Page 11**

LAW

The case for '95: What will happen in the year ahead? Patrick Stevens and a crystal ball..... **Page 25**

ARTS

Lolita the opera: With a new film version of Nabokov's novel on the way, the Russian composer Rodion Schedrin has premiered his treatment in Stockholm..... **Page 27**

Cutting edge: "A strange, deeply unsettling event" says Richard Cork of the first London exhibition of bizarre installations by the rising star of the Glasgow art world, Douglas Gordon..... **Page 26**

Purcell day: The BBC has launched its year-long celebration of Henry Purcell with a live televised concert from the Banqueting House in Whitehall..... **Page 26**

Well to the four: One of Britain's finest young string quartets, the Brindisi, marked its tenth anniversary with a superb Wigmore Hall recital..... **Page 27**

SPORT

Football: Alan Shearer collected his second hat-trick of the season to take Blackburn six points clear in the Premiership..... **Page 17**

Cricket: Rain fell at the wrong time for England after their tailenders had added some spice to their first innings in the third Test... **Page 17**

Racing: Six out of the eight meetings in England were called off. The Lingfield meeting is the only one on today..... **Page 22**

Basketball: Steve Bucknall, the Thames Valley Tigers' giant, enhances his reputation as the finest player from Britain..... **Page 20**

Rugby union: Bridgend moved into fourth place in the Heineken league, while Newport clung to respectability near the bottom with victory over Abertillery .... **Page 20**

American football: Chicago Bears make the running as the play-offs open with the Bears' upset victory over Minnesota Vikings.... **Page 22**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **HOT TICKETS**
Is this the film of 1995? Times critics offer a guide to the best of the arts in the spring

■ **ON THE BALL**
Simon Barnes on 25 years of *A Question of Sport*, Britain's longest-running TV quiz

THE PAPERS

Academic gains made in the last 20 years by minority students can be attributed in large part to public policies promoting equal educational opportunity and increased investment in children, families and schools—*The New York Times*

Rising wealth means not only a better life but sometimes life itself. That's a point to keep in mind if your congressman starts talking about abolishding American foreign aid —*The Washington Post*

FEATURES

Preview: John Thaw plays a star northern barrister in a polished new courtroom series, *Kavanagh QC* (ITV, 8pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond assesses the New Year's Day drama offerings in the light of Huw Wheldon's Memorial Lecture by Andrew Davies..... **Page 31**

OPINION

From Attlee to Blair

By 1950-51, the Labour Government had run out of steam. It was casting around for industries to nationalise, rather as today's Tories search for more candidates for privatisation..... **Page 13**

On disputed land

Ever since he signed the Declaration of Principles with his erstwhile Palestinian foes, Yitzhak Rabin has had to fight tense battles in defence of the agreement..... **Page 13**

Happy May 29

Ice, snow and the annual mystery bug may discourage Britons from today's struggle back to work. But not half as much as the calculation that they are going to be working for the taxman for six days longer this year..... **Page 13**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

It strikes me — and it should have struck me much earlier in this panegyric — that the Lord quite certainly *did* know what He was doing when he put New Zealand where it is..... **Page 12**

WOODROW WYATT

To win, Mr Blair depends on a switch by the middle classes. At first, they were drawn to and felt safe with this idealistic public schoolboy, who seemed one of them. Now he has turned into Malice in Blunderland..... **Page 12**

MARTIN FLETCHER

No one could accuse Mr Gingrich of choosing the path of least resistance. He is a self-styled revolutionary who has finally won a 16-year battle to break the Democrats' grip on Congress..... **Page 12**

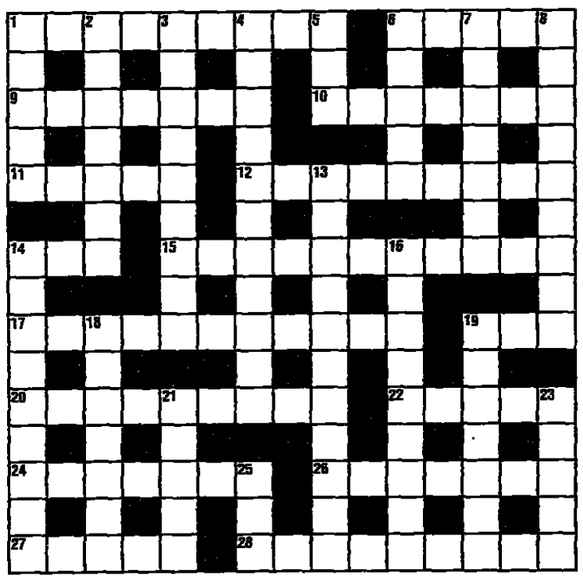
OBITUARIES

Mohamed Siad Barre, former President of Somalia; **Derek Burrell-Davis**, television producer; **Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Tong**, former Registrar of Queen Mary College..... **Page 15**

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Wasting time in law courts; royal duties, 1994..... **Page 13**

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,742



ACROSS

1 Mythical King John captured by church officer (9)
6 Fine for police officer? (5)
9 Twin boys taking a purple plant (7)
10 Nurse holding note from supplier (7)
11 Holds borders of territory fast (5)
12 Move slowly around with reel and spray (9)
14 Bottom of a ship (3)
15 Old soldier angry having to submit to servant (11)
17 From inside knowledge, closed on bargain (5,6)
19 Stole pig — runs off (3)
20 Inflexible advance of the military? (5-4)
22 Suspicious quantity to be found on plate (5)
24 One starts to genuflect, naturally, after seeing Bible on old Pope's seat (7)
26 Duncan is lovable, to some extent (7)
27 Divide up and finish all square (5)
28 Result may be tame but filling food (9)

DOWN

1 Poet's way to frame a line (5)
2 Talks volubly, getting over some intense suffering (7)
3 Complain tediously of internal pain (9)
4 I've succeeded! No, I've made a mistake! (5,4,2).
5 Top half of missile flew fabulously (3)
6 In position, and seen talking (5)
7 Daily's pools entry enclosing stamp (3,4)
8 Hope created this exalted expression worn by penniless Calvinist (9)
13 Message of appreciation could be cut (11)
14 Working out a chart that one wrote oneself (9)
16 Where palm tree came from for square (3,2,4)
18 A dance avoiding contact (7)
19 Ordered almost the finest bonnet (7)
21 It decides winners before you put a nickel in (5)
23 Cook's ingredient, as yet to be cooked (5)
25 My name came up as a crony of Falstaff (3)

The Times Crossword Championship 1995, revised provisional dates: Qualifier, Jan 19; Eliminator, Feb 23. Finals: York, Mar 19; Glasgow April 9; Bristol, May 28; Birmingham, June 18; London A, July 22, B July 23; National final, Oct 1.

Solution to Puzzle No 19,741

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Hemsby, Cornwall, 6C (46F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, -2C (28F); highest rainfall: Dyce Airport, Aberdeen, 0.63in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 7.2hr

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 9.06 am — Sun sets: 4.04 pm

Moon sets: 7.11 pm — Moon rises: 8.59 am

First Quarter January 8

London 4.04 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.14 pm to 8.15 am
Edinburgh 3.51 pm to 8.46 am
Manchester 4.02 pm to 7.25 am
Penzance 4.32 pm to 7.21 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of eastern England will be dry and cold with overnight frost slow to lift in some places. Western England and Wales will start dry and frosty, but increasing cloud will be followed by rain in the evening.

Rain will be preceded by sleet or snow, particularly over hills. Rain falling in Northern Ireland and the Western Isles by early afternoon will extend to many other parts, but the far northeast of Scotland and Shetland may well stay dry. Rain will turn to snow as it moves across Scotland.

☐ **London, Central S, Central N, SE, NE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** dry with sunny spells. Light winds becoming southeasterly later. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with sunny periods. Clouding over later with rain or snow in the evening. Freshening southerly winds. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** clouding over with rain in the afternoon, becoming clearer with showers later. Wind strong to gale force southerly, easing later. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** dry and sunny. Cloudier later. Wind moderate to fresh southerly, increasing strong to gale force later. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled and windy with rain or showers, but becoming milder.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	0.12	2	36	c	Leuchars	5.8	-	3	37	s
Anglesey	1.1	0.16	5	41	c	Liverpool	6.8	-	3	37	s
Aspatria	5.6	-	2	36	s	London	6.9	X	3	37	s
Birmingham	7.1	-	2	36	s	Lowestoft	1.9	0.19	3	37	c
Bognor R	7.6	-	2	36	s	Manchester	7.0	-	3	37	c
Bristol	7.4	-	5	41	s	Minehead	4.7	0.04	5	41	s
Buxton	6.8	-	0	32	s	Morecambe	6.2	-	2	36	s
Cardiff	7.4	-	3	37	s	Newquay	-	0.04	6	43	c
Clacton	6.1	-	2	36	s	Norwich	0.5	0.04	3	37	sh
Colwyn Bay	1.5	-	5	41	b	Nottingham	6.7	-	2	36	s
Cromer	2.4	0.17	6	43	h	Oxford	6.6	-	2	36	s
Doncaster	6.6	-	3	37	s	Poole	7.6	-	3	37	s
Eastbourne	7.2	-	3	37	s	Ross-o-wye	7.0	-	4	39	s
Edinburgh	3.9	-	3	37	b	Sandown	7.7	0.03	3	37	s
Exmouth	4.9	0.03	4	39	s	Saumin Snd	-	0.02	5	41	c
Folkestone	6.2	0.01	2	36	s	Scarboro'	2.2	0.50	4	39	sn
Glasgow	0.1	-	3	37	s	Scilly Isles		0.06	7	45	d
Guernsey	4.8	-	6	43	s	Shanklin	7.0	0.04	3	37	s
Hastings	7.2	-	3	37	s	Shrewsbury	6.6	-	2	36	s
Hayling I.	7.4	-	3	37	s	Skegness	5.4	-	2	36	s
Herne Bay	5.6	-	3	37	s	Southsea	7.6	0.02	3	37	s
Hove	3.3	-	3	37	s	Swanage	7.2	-	4	39	s
Isle of Man	4.8	-	4	39	s	Teignmouth	4.1	-	5	41	s
Jersey	6.2	0.05	5	41	s	Torquay	4.0	-	7	45	s
Kinloss	-	-	3	37	c	Tynemouth	3.1	-	3	37	c
Leeds	6.6	-	3	37	s	Ventnor	7.5	0.05	3	37	s
Lerwick	0.2	-	2	36	c	Weymouth	7.7	0.04	4	39	s

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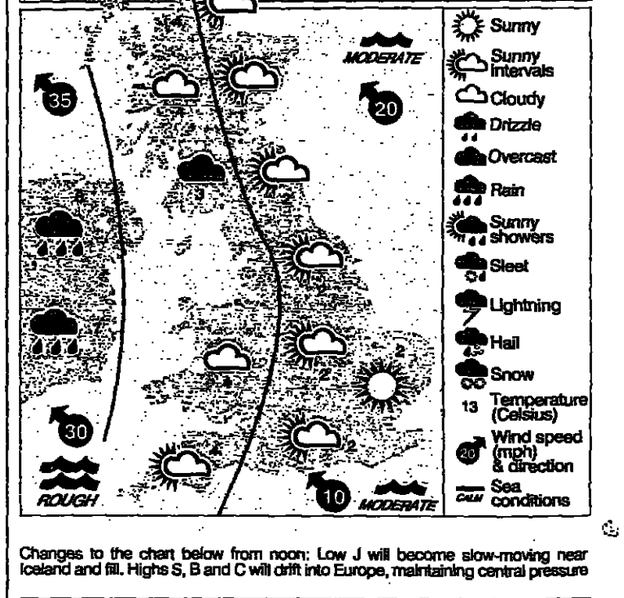
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Algiers	10	50	f	Faro	13	55	s	Mexico C	14	57	f
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Athens	19	66	s	Frankfurt	2	36	c	Milan	8	46	c
Bahrain	19	64	s	Funchal	20	68	c	Montreal	-3	27	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Geneva	-1	30	c	Moscow	1	34	sn
Barbados	25	77	s	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Munich	-1	30	sn
Barcelona	11	52	s	Helsinki	1	34	c	Nairobi	27	81	f
Beirut	19	66	f	Hong K	18	64	s	Naples	13	55	f
Belgrade	3	37	f	Innsbruck	0	32	f	N Delhi	17	63	s
Berlin	0	32	c	Istanbul	16	61	s	N York	3	37	c
Bermuda	23	73	s	Jeddah	28	84	s	Nice	10	50	s
Biarritz	9	48	c	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Oslo	-2	28	s
Borde'x	6	43	c	L Palmas	22	72	s	Paris	3	37	f
Brussels	3	37	c	La Toquet	3	37	f	Peking	-2	28	f
Budapst	4	39	s	Lisbon	8	46	s	Perth	33	91	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Locarno	6	43	s	Prague	0	32	sn
Cape Tn	24	75	f	L Angels	14	57	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	f
Chicago	-7	19	s	Luxembg	-1	30	c	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	22	72	f	Luxor	21	70	s	Rio de J	26	79	f
Cologne	1	34	h	Madrid	7	45	s	Riyadh	17	63	s
C'phagn	0	32	f	Majorca	12	54	f	Rome	12	54	s

Salzburg	1	34	c	Stockholm	-1	30	sn	Vienna	3	37	s
S F'risco	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	1	34	f	Warsaw	0	32	c
Santiago	28	82	s	Sydney	19	66	c	Washton	2	36	s
S Paulo	23	73	c	Tangier	15	59	s	Wellington	17	63	c
Seoul	4	39	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	s	Zurich	-2	28	sn
Sing'por	31	88	f	Tenerife	22	72	s				
St'kholm	-1	30	sn	Tokyo	7	45	s				
Strasb'rg	1	34	f	Toronto	-3	27	an				
Sydney	19	66	c	Tunis	14	57	c				
Tangier	15	59	s	Valencia	12	54	s				
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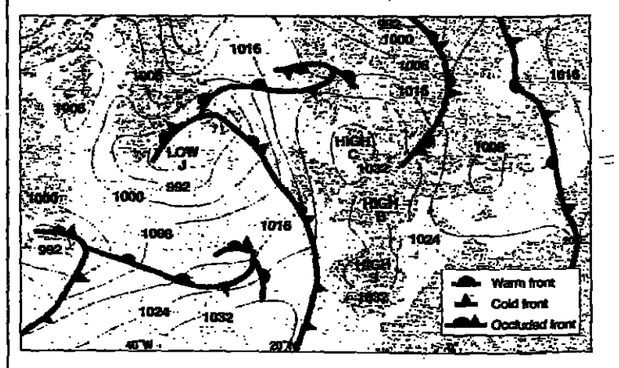
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NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low J will become slow-moving near Iceland and fill. Highs S, B and C will drift into Europe, maintaining central pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.34	7.36	3.00	7.54	Leith	3.30	5.82	3.49	5.87
Aberdeen	2.16	4.52	2.28	4.83	Liverpool	0.01	9.74	0.19	10.01
Avonmouth	8.19	14.05	8.44	13.78	Lowestoft	10.43	2.53	10.41	2.69
Belfast			0.12	3.77	Margate	0.51	4.82	1.21	4.97
Cardiff	8.20	12.69	8.40	12.49	Milford Haven	7.15	7.49	7.39	7.21
Devonport	6.57	5.79	7.26	5.51	Newquay	8.04	7.15	8.29	6.90
Dover			0.07	6.80	Oban	6.44	4.30	6.58	3.97
Dublin	0.29	4.29	0.50	4.50	Penzance	8.42	5.80	8.05	5.49
Falmouth	6.23	5.41	6.47	5.08	Portland	7.48	2.26	8.19	2.09
Glasgow	1.22	4.75	1.59	4.89	Portsmouth	0.13	4.96	0.27	4.99
Harwich	0.37	4.04	1.04	4.19	Shoreham	0.09	6.54	0.27	6.56
Holyhead	11.22	6.04	11.54	5.86	Southampton	11.50	4.62		
Hull	7.22	7.82	7.30	7.87	Swansea	7.31	9.97	7.54	9.89
Ilfracombe	7.04	9.97	7.29	9.71	Tees	4.44	5.60	4.55	5.71
King's Lynn	7.10	6.93	7.28	7.26	Wilton-on-Nze	0.22	4.26	1.01	4.39

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England striker subdues lively West Ham in stirring display by Premiership leaders

Shearer leads Blackburn from the front

Blackburn Rovers 4
West Ham United 2

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

ALAN SHEARER continues to write his own notices. Blackburn Rovers' magnificent centre forward began the new year as he ended the old one, scoring goals, in this case three, to extend his team's lead over Manchester United in the FA Carling Premiership to six points. Since losing to United on October 23, Rovers have taken 31 points out of a possible 33, the mood of champions.

Shearer's second hat-trick of the season took his tally to 23 in all football, winning a game to which West Ham United contributed no small amount. In the end, the sheer power of Blackburn's play, allied to their formidable resolve, ensured that Ewood Park would resound to songs of triumph.

There were ironic chants too, aimed at the press box, no less. When Shearer had finally made the game safe with his second penalty, ten minutes from time, supporters bellowed: "Boring, boring Blackburn". So riled are they by what they interpret as condescending coverage of their team's success, one section of the crowd in front of the press turned round *en masse* and reminded the journalists who were top of the league.

It really has come to something when middle-aged men, who obviously do respectable jobs, are so eager to vent their spleen. One leading sports writer, whose report on Blackburn's win at Crystal Palace last Saturday was passed around the stand, like a Samizdat pamphlet, would be well advised to wear a hard hat if he ventures as far north as Ewood.

Stung by those home defeats by Trelleborgs FF, United and Liverpool in three different competitions, Blackburn have simply put their heads down and buffaloed everyone off the road.

In Shearer, they have a wonderful chief spokesman, the best player in the land, and others have emerged from beneath his cloak to make their own contribution. Flowers is the best goalkeeper in the country. Le Saux, who brought them level in the 61st minute after Dicks had put West Ham 2-1 in front three minutes before, is an imaginative and combative left back. Sherwood, the captain, is occasionally too hot-headed for his own good, but he certainly geed the team up, and when Ripley is in the mood, as he was here in the second half, Blackburn can take flight along the right flank.

PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	22	16	4	2	49	18	52
Man Utd	22	14	4	4	42	19	46
Liverpool	23	13	6	4	44	19	45
Nottm F	23	12	6	5	38	23	42
Newcastle	22	11	7	4	40	24	40
Tottenham	23	10	6	7	39	34	36
Leeds	22	9	6	7	29	27	33
Norwich	23	9	6	8	21	23	33
Wimbledon	23	9	5	9	28	37	32
Sheff Wed	23	8	7	8	30	31	31
Man City	23	8	6	9	33	38	30
Chelsea	22	8	5	9	29	30	29
Arsenal	23	7	7	9	26	28	28
QPR	22	7	6	9	34	38	27
Southmptn	23	6	9	8	34	39	27
West Ham	23	7	4	12	21	28	25
Coventry	22	6	7	9	21	38	25
C Palace	23	5	8	10	15	22	23
A Villa	23	4	10	9	27	33	22
Everton	22	5	7	10	21	31	22
Ipswich	23	4	4	15	25	47	16
Leicester	23	3	5	14	22	41	15

Tottenham triumph 18
Liverpool on march 19

They took the lead in the thirteenth minute, when Sutton slid a ball behind the West Ham defence and Shearer, moving from right to left to take it on, was impeded by Miklosko. It was a clear penalty and Shearer swept it sweetly past the goalkeeper's right hand.

Still, West Ham had as much of the game in the first half, and when Cottee cut in from the left past Gale, the former West Ham defender, he scored his sixth goal in five games — and his 99th league goal for the club — with a neat, left-footed shot that crept in off the far post.

Kelvin Morton, the referee, who booked three players from each side, was never fully in control of a game that, though fiercely contested, was never malicious. At one stage in the first half, he actually got in the way of a ball that Sutton was trying to get to Sherwood and his inconsistent interpretation of the laws confused the players. Rieper, the West Ham centre half, seemed to spend most of the afternoon fouling people, or looking for people to foul, yet he escaped a booking — unlike Shearer, who was cautioned for shooting over the bar after a linesman had flagged for offside. That was just ludicrous.

West Ham took the lead 13 minutes after the break when Blackburn failed to deal properly with a corner from the right from Hughes. Dicks claimed the goal after a bit of a schemozzle, but the loss of that goal inspired Blackburn who hit back with one of their own. Bishop, booked in the first half, was lucky to stay on the field when he clearly ran across Sherwood. From the free kick, Le Saux bent the ball round the wall and, although Miklosko got a hand to it, he succeeded only in pushing it beyond Breacker, who was on the line.

Blackburn sent on Warhurst for Atkins and immediately he forced the big Czech to save well when Shearer headed down a cross from Wilcox. Fifteen minutes from time, Wilcox released Shearer and, in characteristic fashion, the Blackburn striker found the net from 16 yards with a low, right-footed drive.

Four minutes later, Rieper blundered once again as Wilcox, after exchanging passes with Sutton, was fouled as he ran into the area. Again Shearer shot his penalty kick to the goalkeeper's right and again it was sufficient. He was booked and immediately substituted, which enabled Newell to play out the last five minutes. In that time, he exchanged handbags — certainly not punches — with Dicks, who was lucky to stay on the field after a flare-up by the touchline.



Breacker and the grounded Miklosko thwart Sutton as the Blackburn forward threatens at Ewood Park yesterday. Photograph: Barry Greenwood

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2) T Flowers — H Berg, A Gale, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, T Sherwood, M Atkins (sub: P Warhurst, 61min), J Wilcox — C Sutton, A Shearer (sub: M Newell, 85)

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2) L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, M Rieper, J Dicks — M Hughes, M Holmes (sub: M Rush, 79), J Moncur, I Bishop — J Boere, A Cottee

Referee: K Morton.

Gough offers new year resolution

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

ON ALMOST any other day in this Ashes series, England would have been pathetically grateful for rain. It was somehow symptomatic that it should fall on the day when the urgency of the touring team's plight had for once brought such an uplifting performance that, briefly, the psychological high ground was theirs.

Australia are so comfortably placed, the Ashes so nearly retained, that one chastening session should scarcely bother them. But on a morning when the frequently negligible England tail added 111 runs, most of them struck with a disrespectful flamboyance, there was something about the expressions on the field that suggested it could be more significant than that.

A similar feel attached itself to that August Friday evening at the Oval last year. There, Darren Gough and Philip DeFreitas swung the bat with such effective abandon that a series against South Africa that was about to be lost was instead dramatically levelled when Devon Malcolm, stung by a blow on the head while batting, produced the bowling spell of his life.

The cast list was similar yesterday. Gough made a half-century, just as he had at the Oval. Malcolm made his highest Test score and received some unfriendly but motivational bouncers for his cheek. The force was with them both, and, given an hour at the Australians with a new ball, mood and circumstance might have conspired to happy effect.

We shall never know. The grey skies that had been brooding over Sydney all morning began doing their worst during the lunch interval, and although the Australian reply did start, 25 minutes late, it was into only its fourth over when more serious and persistent rain interrupted, perhaps even deleted, this developing story line.

Sydney suffers more rain-ruined days of cricket than any other Australian city — a fact Manchester mischievously used in its propaganda when bidding for the Olympic Games of 2000 — but the weather has seldom turned with such unkind timing, not only for England's lingering hopes of reviving this series but for the second crowd of 30,000 in successive days. Even the holidaying solicitors and self-confessed dropouts who make up the motley and noisy "Barmy Army", England's travelling fan club, were subdued and bedraggled by the time play was abandoned.

With three days remaining of this Third Test, all was not lost. England had banked a first-innings score of more than 300 for only the third time in 11 Ashes Tests, and, although 309 was short of being a total to put Australia out of the game, it at least ensured they would have to work through a period of stress instead of batting in the comfortable vacuum of a team that feels untouchable.

There was, too, something pleasing about the manner in which England transformed an overnight 198 for seven. Although Gough grinned and giggled, this was more than mere knockabout stuff. It spoke of a spirit of defiance and self-belief that had been conspicuously lacking in much of the early order batting.

Some of the most experienced and accomplished players on this tour are at present in the grip of powerful emotions, overpowered by failure to the point where the basic coordination of head, hands and feet has seized up. Graham Gooch has managed 94 runs in five Test innings, Mike Gatting a meagre 57. Aside from his splendidly stubborn 80 in the Brisbane rearguard action, Graeme Hick has scored 30 runs in the series.

Michael Atherton, the captain, has been heroic, trailing his Union Jack through 2½ days of unyielding batting already. But it took Gough's untutored style and uncomplicated outlook to show that there is another way of conquering the Australians. Gough, 24, from Yorkshire, is the irrepressibly smiling face of this tour, and, alone among the England party, his cricket can be reported with unreserved enthusiasm.

"I went out to thrash the bowling around the park and that's what I did," he explained without a trace of vanity. "It's the way I play, and the captain and manager had told me I should play my natural game." This, at least, is to be applauded. The chain of command in the England camp is not easy to follow, and it would be a rarity and a relief to find unanimity that Gough must be left alone to do things his way.

Craig McDermott may not be so approving. His overnight figures of four for 42 were looking a little soiled after an hour of Gough, who scored 24 of the 26 from his first three-over spell, hooking him for six with that audacious overhead flip that breaks the textbook mould so triumphantly.

Gough's fifty came from 54 balls out of 53 runs added with the stoical Angus Fraser, mortified by his schoolboyish run-out of Steven Rhodes on Sunday but now batting with composure virtually through the session.

Gough celebrated by whirling his bat around his head in boyish delight. Mark Waugh instantly dropped him at slip, an unarguable sign that Australia were not on their game, before Damien Fleming took a well-judged catch at long leg to put McDermott out of his misery.

Now it was the turn of Shane Warne to suffer. Warne against Devon Malcolm was an uneven contest in Melbourne last week — it lasted one ball and gave Warne his hat-trick — but Malcolm struck him for two vengeful sixes in making 29 from 18 balls. Warne could scarcely summon a smile when he bowled him through an expansive heave.

Even the last wicket added valuable runs, but, perversely, saved Australia having to bat before lunch. When they did go in, Gatting could have given the shortened day a final twist by running out Michael Slater from short leg. Taking a firm stroke cleanly with Slater a yard out of his crease, Gatting's right arm froze as if in an act of mercy. When his hands would work again, they covered his face. It has not been Gatting's tour.

SYDNEY SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch c Healy b Fleming 1
(7min, 9 balls)
*M A Atherton b McDermott 88
(391min, 267 balls, 8 fours)
G A Hick b McDermott 2
(21min, 13 balls)
G P Thorpe lbw b McDermott 10
(27min, 17 balls, 2 fours)
J P Crawley c M E Waugh b Fleming 72
(291min, 226 balls, 6 fours)
M W Gatting c Healy b McDermott 0
(3 min, 4 balls)
A R C Fraser c Healy b Fleming . 27
(141min, 96 balls, 2 fours)
†S J Rhodes run out (S R Waugh/Fleming/Healy) 1
(9min, 2 balls)
D Gough c Fleming b McDermott 51
(72min, 58 balls, 1 six, 4 fours)
D E Malcolm b Warne 29
(23min, 18 balls, 2 sixes, 3 fours)
P C R Tufnell not out 4
(26min, 17 balls)
Extras (b 8, lb 7, nb 9) 24
Total (119.2 overs, 478min) 309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Atherton 0), 2-10 (Atherton 7), 3-20 (Atherton 7), 4-184 (Crawley 72), 5-194 (Crawley 72), 6-196 (Fraser 2), 7-197 (Fraser 2), 8-255 (Fraser 9), 9-295 (Fraser 17).

BOWLING: McDermott 30-7-101-5 (nb 4; 9-3-14-2, 8-2-22-0, 8-2-32-2, 7-0-33-1); Fleming 29.2-12-52-3 (5-3-7-1, 5-3-8-0, 4-0-18-0, 2-1-1-0, 9-5-15-1, 1-2-0-5-1); Warne 38-10-88-1 (8-3-11-0, 6-1-22-0, 7-2-9-0, 6-2-14-0, 9-2-32-1); May 17-4-35-0 (nb 3; 9-3-11-0, 8-1-24-0); M E Waugh 8-1-10-0 (nb 2; 1-0-3-0, 4-1-6-0, 1-0-1-0); Bevan 4-1-8-0 (one spell).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater not out 4
(14min, 8 balls)
*M A Taylor not out 0
(14min, 13 balls)
Extras 0
Total (no wkt, 3.3 overs, 14min) ... 4

D C Boon, M E Waugh, M G Bevan, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott, T B A May and D W Fleming to bat.

BOWLING: Malcolm 2-0-2-0 (one spell); Gough 1.3-0-2-0 (one spell).

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D B Hair (Australia).

TV replay umpire: W A Cameron.

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: first Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs; second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs.

MATCHES TO COME: fourth Test: Adelaide (January 26-30); fifth Test: Perth (February 3-7).

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Gough lashes out with bravado to rekindle England's hopes in the third Test. Photograph: Graham Morris

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Selhurst Park tenants plunder goals their landlords fail to deliver

Harford demonstrates scoring touch

Wimbledon..... 2
Everton 1

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

MUCH to the delight of the man on the Tannoy, the tenants of Selhurst Park managed to do twice in the first nine minutes yesterday what the landlords have failed to do once in more than 13 hours. "Have a guess," he asked the crowd at full-time, "how many Crystal Palace have scored?"

Even the Wimbledon faithful could manage to answer that one. They can afford to crow a bit, too, as this win, their third in five games, puts them back inside the top ten, where few believe they ought to belong.

The secret to ending Palace's goal drought seems to be simple. Find an ageing, well-travelled, warhorse, put the ball on the end of his foot inside the six-yard area and stand back. While Palace were huffing and puffing at Nottingham Forest vainly in search of their first goal in the Premiership since November 5, Mick Harford had claimed two before Everton had found their feet on a frosty pitch to send Wimbledon into the new year full of good cheer.

Quite what Everton can expect from 1995 is hard to say. Ironically, their best moment of last year came against Wimbledon when they avoided relegation, recovering from 2-0 down to win with a goal ten minutes from time on the final Saturday of the season. Since then, they have swapped Mike Walker for Joe Royle, spent an impressive sum on players, but still found the losing habit hard to shed. This defeat, only their second under Royle, keeps them firmly in the relegation zone.

Wimbledon were the last foes they would have wanted for the end of a draining Christmas programme. Harford was probably the least of their worries, and though neither of his goals would exactly qualify for goal of the season, even at the advancing age of 35, he still has an instinct for goal which Palace — and Everton, for that matter — would die for.



Rideout climbs above the defence to head Everton's goal in the 2-1 defeat by Wimbledon yesterday. Photograph: Graham Stuart

The first was a tap-in from two yards after a looping header by Earle in the third minute: the second, a flick from a similar distance six minutes later. He had his third in the net midway through the half only for the linesman to flag for offside.

Had Clarke, who pushed up to join Harford in attack midway through the first half, with Ekoku dropping back into midfield, not dragged a shot inches wide and Ekoku tripped over his own feet when the goal was gaping, Wimbledon would have had the game wrapped up by half-time, as the burly Unsworth and the veteran Watson found turning a trial on the slippery surface.

Rideout's clean header, his third goal in two games, after 16 minutes, kept Everton alive, but their problems were not helped by an injury to Burrows, who had to be taken off at half-time with concussion after being caught just before the interval by an elbow from Barton. Hinchcliffe moved back, Barlow came on in attack and Everton, no doubt their ears still buzzing with a few home truths from their manager, launched themselves forward with increasing desperation.

Parkinson drove hard against Segers's legs and Ebbrell hit the hoarding behind the goal so cleanly that some Everton supporters thought it was the back stanchion. But the Wimbledon defence, without the physical presence of Thorn, withstood the pressure which became so intense that Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, was warned by the referee for some over-enthusiastic coaching.

Only in the last quarter did the pace and the schedule begin to tell, tired legs and numbed minds combining to suck all skill from the finale. Wimbledon were the stronger at the finish. Some things do not change with the calendar.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — K Cunningham, C Perry, A Reeves, A Kimble — W Barton, V Jones, R Earle, A Clarke — M Harford, E Ekoku (sub: P Fear, 75min).
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, D Unsworth, D Burrows (sub: S Barlow, 45) — B Horne, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson, A Hinchcliffe — D Ferguson, P Rideout.
Referee: K Burge

Absent Aldridge sorely missed

Southend United..... 0
Tranmere Rovers 0

BY DAVID POWELL

IF TRANMERE Rovers thought they were getting along fine without John Aldridge, they must have a different view now. "Aldo? Yes, maybe," John King, the Tranmere manager, said in response to being asked whether his team would have won had Aldridge been playing. "Yes" would have done.

Aldridge, Tranmere's ageless predator, is not in the habit of missing chances as apparently simple as the one apiece wasted by Gary Jones and Chris Malkin yesterday. "Two gorgeous chances," was how King described them. Tranmere's inability to take them prevented them from taking full advantage of the abandonment at Middlesbrough. They reduced the gap on the leaders to five points instead of three.

Aldridge, 36, has scored 19 goals this season for the club which secured one of the great bargain buys when they purchased him from Real Sociedad for £250,000 in 1991. However, he has missed the last four matches through injury and, before yesterday, Jones, 19, his replacement, had scored twice in three matches and had begun to look a capable stand-in. But supporters must be wondering now, Morrissey's cross after 70 minutes fell perfectly for him, but he directed his close-range header over and, displaying the full anguish of his profligacy, buried his head in his hands. It will be at least three weeks before Aldridge is back.

In fairness to Jones, he saw little of the ball and had only that one opportunity. On a frozen pitch, with snow turned to ice, keeping balance was as challenging as keeping possession. Until the last hour-half, it was dire entertainment.

Sansome, making his 344th appearance in goal for Southend, breaking Harry Threadgold's club record for that position, can rarely have had a more restful game. An hour had passed before he was asked to make his first save and it proved straightforward, though it should not have been. Nevin's cross found Malkin unmarked six yards in front of goal, but the Tranmere forward made a poor connection. When will he find his Prenton Park skills away from home? All 12 of his goals this season have been scored at Tranmere.

Although Southend had the majority of possession, it was not until the last ten minutes that they troubled Nixon. He dived to save from Hone and was beaten when Gary Jones hit a post. Confused? There is not only one Gary Jones. There are two. Southend have one as well.

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): P Sansome — M Hone, G Bressington, P Dublin, C Powell — J Hails (sub: G Jones, 83min), R Whelan, P Sandelet, S Tilson — R Wills, A Thomson.
TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — G Stevens, D Higgins, J McGreal (sub: S Mungall, 46), G Brannan — J Morrissey, L O'Brien, P Irons, P Nevin — G Jones, C Malkin.
Referee: C Wilkes.

Popescu decides chilly derby

Tottenham Hotspur..... 1
Arsenal 0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

HOW the pendulum has swung across north London. Arsenal lost to their neighbours and greatest rivals last night, for only the sixth time in 23 encounters, and illustrated that the reversal of the two clubs' fortunes is emphatic indeed. Who would have thought that Tottenham would enter 1995 sixth from the top of the FA Carling Premiership, running hard for Europe, or that Arsenal — pale, ageing and unsure of themselves — would be in thirteenth place and falling?

You have to hand it to Alan Sugar and David Dein. The Tottenham chairman and Arsenal vice-chairman are on holiday in the Caribbean and apparently watched this together on satellite television, while 28,000 shivered at Siberian White Hart Lane. It was a freezing night.

Yet, from the start, there were occasional flourishes from Tottenham that brought a warming glow to the proceedings. One such led to a wonderful goal after 22 minutes. David Howells, drafted in to stiffen the sinews of the Tottenham midfield with his ball-winning qualities, turned creator and, on the halfway line, produced an improvised chip with back spin, rather like a golfer using a sand wedge, that dropped daintily into space for Anderton.

A surge of Anderton's coltish stride unzipped the Arsenal offside trap and defenders' arms went up more in hope than expectation as, too late, Bould and Linighan looked to their right and saw Dixon lurking behind them. He feared that Popescu might be threatening and his fear was justified: Popescu was quicker to the ball and the Romanian had merely to sidefoot the ball to score his second goal for the club.

There was no excuse for Arsenal: they had already been warned that Tottenham were dangerous when Klinsmann and Sheringham, both of them working back to prove that defence begins with the front-runners, had linked superbly to release the Israel international. Rosenthal. For an instant, he was clear, but then Bould nudged the Tottenham man, upsetting his balance just enough to allow Seaman to gather when the ball ran loose.

Seaman's presence in goal undoubtedly gave Arsenal more reassurance, but the inclusion of Selley in a five-man midfield, at the expense of Smith, a striker, showed clearly the conservative attitude that George Graham, the manager, had adopted from the outset. Twice, Wright was obliged to dash to the vacant wings, turn and attempt centres that should be provided for him. The first was cut out by Mabbutt, the second was missed in the air by Parlour.



Popescu: winner

Arsenal, though, could not blame Parlour for their problems on the night. He, at least, had the bite, the running and the intention to shoot on sight, even in a team who combined to look rather like a blind man pushing forward with his cane. Schwarz had a little too much bite, even in a by-no-means spiteful derby, receiving a yellow card that was barely sufficient for the way he implanted his studs high into the groin of Howells.

Arsenal strove to get back into the match, thrust Tottenham backwards. Popescu, who had been suffering the effects of avirus beforehand, was fading particularly fast. No matter, his goal remained the winner, largely because of a quite magnificent save in the 52nd minute by Walker from Dixon.

The Arsenal right back had spurt 70 yards down the right on to a diagonal ball from Selley. His finish was dynamic, but Walker stretched to palm the ball around the near post.

After that, it was a question of whether Wright could somehow conjure something out of nothing. He twice went close, once chipping the ball just behind the crossbar from the tightest of angles, but the last act came at the other end. Klinsmann had been thrillingly athletic, pacing his game, and, as he advanced towards the penalty area, five minutes from time, Schwarz, with a rush of blood, launched a wild, two-footed tackle from behind. It earned a second yellow card, then inevitably a red, and all was doomed for Arsenal.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell — D Anderton, D Howells, G Popescu (sub: S Nethercott, 78min), R Rosenthal — J Klinsmann, E Sheringham.
ARSENAL (4-5-1): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Linighan, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, S Schwarz, I Selley (sub: A Smith, 78), J Jensen, K Campbell — I Wright.
Referee: M Reed.

Wolves leave it late

IF LUCK is the decisive factor in a promotion campaign, then Wolverhampton Wanderers might yet finish at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

With a minute remaining at Molineux and Sheffield United, promotion hopefuls themselves, two goals to the good, there seemed no hope. Then Kelly, the Sheffield goalkeeper, pulled down Goodman and de Wolf buried the penalty. Three minutes into injury-time, Emblen scored a dramatic headed equaliser.

There was good news for Wolverhampton, too, from Ayresome Park, where Middlesbrough, the leaders, had their game with Barnsley abandoned at half-time as they led 2-1. Bolton Wanderers kept up their challenge with a 1-0 defeat of Reading at Burnden Park.

Cooper steps up to spare Birmingham's blushes

Bradford City..... 1
Birmingham City..... 1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

DEFT passing, dashing wingers and determined defending made for a marvellous match at Valley Parade yesterday. It concluded with a last-minute equaliser from Birmingham City that stretched their unbeaten run in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division to 20 games. Barry Fry's team thus stay top, but they probably had a frosty, increasingly treacherous pitch to thank for that. It prompted their goal, Hamilton, of Bradford, keeling over like a skater crashing on ice and allowing Cooper the space to let fly from well outside the penalty area. His shot arrowed past Tomlinson.

Lennie Lawrence, the manager of Bradford, was shoulder-shrugging afterwards. "It's deflating to be caught in the last minute, but Birmingham probably deserved a draw," he said. "They have great mobility."

Bradford's movement was not bad either, and a typical counter-attack led to them taking the lead after 27 minutes. Chesting down Hamilton's header, Taylor lashed the ball into the top corner from a tight angle. In so doing, the striker seemed to have strayed into an offside position and the referee's immediate reaction was to look for the tell-tale flag. His linesman, however, gave Taylor the benefit of the substantial doubt — there was also a suspicion of handball — and the goal stood.

Birmingham's response? Putting Lawrence's men firmly on the back foot, they subjected them to a barrage of attacks, with Donowa doing much of the damage. Loosely deployed on the left, he exemplified Birmingham's mobility, often running at the heart of Bradford's back line and offering a yardstick of Richards' ability.

Arguably the outstanding central defender in this division, the young Bradford player did his reputation no harm at all. Commanding in the air and comfortable on the ground, Richards is more than a mere stopper. Elegant in possession to the point of being dangerously laid-back — he seemed to delight in showing Birmingham forwards a lot of the ball before teasingly taking it from them — Richards' return from injury has coincided with Bradford's rise to play-off contention.

Hamilton also took the eye. The midfield ball-winner made some splendid tackles to block Birmingham attacks and did not deserve that undignified denouement. It should be noted, however, that the equaliser arrived after a Bradford attack ended with an offside decision and Richards, venturing typically upfield, stranded.

"I'm sure if Birmingham had been 1-0 up, they wouldn't have let us get in a position to score an 89th-minute equaliser." Lawrence admitted. Maybe it was only compensation for the moment — deep in the first half — when Tomlinson could only parry Lowe's shot and Claridge fell over with the goal gaping.

Shutt, on the Bradford right, and Murray, on the left, at times stretched Birmingham to the limit, carving out a series of chances, and, appropriately, Murray featured in a moment that summed up the game's appeal, albeit as the fall guy, when Poole impudently thwarted him with a cute back heel near the corner flag. A second division full back copying Cantona? Whatever next?

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2): P Tomlinson — R Hudson, G Mitchell, D Richards, W Jacobs — C Shutt, G Oliver, D Hamilton, S Murray — P Jewell (sub: P Shoulder, 78min), J Taylor.
BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — G Poole, D Barnett, L Dash, G Cooper — K Lowe (sub: M d'Souza, 63), M Ward, G Parris, L Donowa (sub: N Doherty, 63) — S Claridge, S McGavin.
Referee: T West.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA 35,038	(0)	0	LEEDS	(0)	0
BLACKBURN Sheerer 14 (pen), 75, 79 (pen) Le Saux 61	(1)	4	WEST HAM Cottle 33 Dicks 58 25,503	(1)	2
IPSWICH Kiwomya 34, 62 Tanner 54 Yallop 73	(1)	4	LEICESTER Roberts 53 15,803	(0)	1
LIVERPOOL Scales 14 Fowler 38, 47 Rush 83	(2)	4	NORWICH 34,709	(0)	0
NEWCASTLE 34,427	(0)	0	MANCHESTER C	(0)	0
NOTTM. FOREST Bull 75	(0)	1	C PALACE 21,336	(0)	0
SHEFFIELD WED Hyde 19 26,424	(1)	1	SOUTHAMPTON Le Tissier 70 (pen)	(0)	1
TOTTENHAM Popescu 14	(1)	1	ARSENAL 28,747	(0)	0
			Sent off: Schwarz (Arsenal) 86		
WIMBLEDON Harford 4, 8 9,506	(2)	2	EVERTON Rideout 17	(1)	1

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON Coleman 8	(1)	1	READING 14,705	(0)	0
BRISTOL CITY 9,423	(0)	0	WATFORD	(0)	0
DERBY Trollope 57 16,035	(0)	1	WEST BROM Hamilton 10	(1)	1
LUTON 7,642	(0)	0	CHARLTON Whyte 19	(1)	1
MIDDLESBRO Hendrie 11 Moore 45	(2)	A	BARNSLEY O'Connell 34 21,224	(1)	A
			Abandoned after 45 minutes, frozen pitch		
PORTSMTH Radosljevic 25 Creaney 87	(1)	2	BURNLEY 9,097	(0)	0
			Sent off: Marlon Beresford (Burnley) 37		
SOUTHEND 5,195	(0)	0	TRANMERE	(0)	0
WOLVRHMPTN de Wolf 89 (pen) Emblen 90	(0)	2	SHEFFIELD UTD Blake 59, 69 27,809	(0)	2

Postponed: Grimsby v Notts County; Swindon v Sunderland.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbro	25	14	8	6	39	22	48
Wolvrhmptn	26	13	5	8	47	34	44
Tranmere	26	12	7	7	40	28	43
Bolton	23	12	7	7	39	29	43
Sheff Utd	26	11	8	7	42	28	41
Reading	26	11	8	7	31	24	41
Barnsley	26	11	5	9	39	30	38
Luton	26	10	7	9	35	31	37
Watford	26	9	10	7	28	26	37
Oldham	25	10	6	9	36	32	36
Millwall	25	9	8	8	32	30	35
Stoke	25	9	8	8	28	29	35
Southend	26	10	5	11	27	36	35
Grimsby	25	8	10	7	35	36	34
Charlton	25	8	9	8	37	36	33
Derby	25	8	9	8	29	24	33
West Brom	26	8	7	11	23	33	31
Sunderland	25	6	12	7	26	25	30
Portsmth	26	7	8	11	28	36	29
Burnley	23	6	9	8	26	31	27
Swindon	25	6	8	11	32	41	26
Port Vale	24	6	7	11	28	34	25
Bristol City	26	6	5	15	20	36	23
Notts County	25	4	6	15	22	36	18

Second division

BLACKPOOL Quinn 2, 69 Watson 47 Ellis 61	(1)	4	PETERBORO 3,892	(0)	0
BOURNEMTH Fletcher 29, 34 Pennock 88 3,816	(2)	3	SWANSEA Hodge 4 Penney 82	(1)	2
BRADFORD Taylor 24 10,539	(1)	1	BIRMINGHAM Cooper 69	(0)	1
BRIGHTON Minton 59 Akinbiyi 60	(0)	2	STOCKPORT 8,842	(0)	0
CAMBS UTD Hay 61, 82 3,569	(0)	2	HULL Brown 8 Windass 9	(2)	2
CARDIFF Slant 57 Bird 84 5,235	(0)	2	BRENTFORD Harvey 6 Forster 33 Taylor 83	(2)	3
HUDDERSFIELD Jepson 33 Duxbury 90	(1)	2	SHREWSBURY Withe 45 12,748	(1)	1
OXFORD UTD 6,366	(0)	0	YORK Naylor 6 Marsh 59 (og)	(1)	2
PLYMOUTH Patterson 30 Evans 63, 90 6,802	(1)	3	CREWE Murphy 13 Clarkson 40	(2)	2

Postponed: Chester v Wycombe; Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers; Wrexham v Rotherham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	24	14	8	2	47	15	50
Huddersfld	24	13	7	4	45	30	46
Oxford Utd	24	14	4	6	41	28	46
Wycombe	23	13	6	4	35	25	45
Brentford	24	14	2	8	46	23	44
Hull	24	12	5	7	40	30	41
Crewe	24	12	4	8	46	44	40
Bristol R	22	10	9	3	38	19	39
Bradford	24	11	6	8	34	34	38
Swansea	24	9	9	6	32	28	36
Stockport	24	11	3	10	35	33	36
Blackpool	24	11	3	10	38	41	36
Wrexham	22	9	7	6	36	31	34
York	23	9	5	9	30	25	32
Brighton	24	7	9	8	26	29	30
Peterboro	24	7	9	8	31	43	30
Rotherham	23	8	4	11	29	31	28
Cambs Utd	24	5	8	11	31	41	23
Shrewsbury	23	6	4	13	28	32	22
Plymouth	22	6	3	13	23	46	21
Cardiff	24	5	5	14	27	39	20
L Orient	23	4	4	15	16	35	16
Bournemth	24	3	5	16	21	49	14
Chester	23	3	4	16	16	42	13

Third division

FULHAM Hamill 1 Cusack 46 Blake 81 Thomas 88	(1)	4	MANSFIELD Barrowclough 3 Hadley 53 4,091	(1)	2
TORQUAY Stantidge 44	(1)	1	PRESTON 3,770	(0)	0

Postponed: Barnet v Exeter; Carlisle v Chesterfield; Doncaster v Gillingham; Hereford v Hartlepool; Lincoln v Colchester; Northampton v Bury; Rochdale v Darlington; Scarborough v Scunthorpe; Wigan v Walsall.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlisle	22	17	4	1	44	15	55
Walsall	22	12	7	3	40	21	43
Bury	21	12	5	4	31	15	41
Chesterfld	22	11	5	6	29	24	38
Barnet	22	11	5	6	30	27	38
Doncaster	22	10	7	5	32	18	37
Colchester	22	10	6	6	31	31	36
Mansfield	23	10	4	9	45	34	34
Torquay	22	9	7	6	31	27	34
Scunthorpe	22	9	5	8	34	28	32
Preston	22	10	2	10	29	24	32
Fulham	23	8	8	7	29	29	32
Darlington	22	8	4	10	28	29	28
Lincoln	22	7	5	10	27	28	26
Rochdale	23	7	4	11	29	47	25
Hartlepool	22	6	5	11	19	31	23
Exeter	21	6	4	11	18	34	22
Gillingham	22	5	5	12	25	33	20
Hereford	22	5	5	12	28	44	20
Wigan	22	5	4	11	28	33	19
Northmptn	22	3	9	10	17	28	18
Scarboro	22	3	4	15	20	42	13

Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE Cross 44, 78 Taylor 51 Dewey 64	(1)	4	KIDDRMINSTR Yates 17 Forsyth 25, 31 3,267	(3)	3
DAG AND RED 1,302	(0)	0	WOKING Greene 12 Steele 61	(1)	2
DOVER Scott 61 1,120	(0)	1	WELLING Farley 22	(1)	1
HALIFAX Ikwuonya 10 Worthington 72 (pen) Hansen 76 1,099	(1)	3	GATESHEAD Lacey 25 Dobson 37	(2)	2
NORTHWICH Doak 68 2,001	(0)	1	ALTRINCHM Shinnett 89	(0)	1

Postponed: Bath v Merthyr; Farnborough v Yeovil; Stafford v Telford; Stalybridge v Macclesfield; Stevenage v Kettering.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macclesfld	24	15	5	4	44	21	50
Woking	26	13	6	6	44	31	45
Gateshead	27	12	6	9	37	33	42
Altrncham	24	12	5	7	50	30	41
Kiddrminstr	26	11	8	7	47	36	41
Southport	24	12	4	8	42	29	40
Bromsgrove	25	11	5	9	41	31	38
Halifax	22	10	6	6	41	31	36
Stevenage	24	10	3	11	38	32	33
Kettering	24	9	6	9	32	28	33
Northwich	23	7	11	5	43	34	32
Stalybridge	25	9	5	11	34	44	32
Farnborough	24	9	5	10	24	36	32
Bath	23	8	6	12	34	45	30
Dover	23	6	11	6	25	23	29
Telford	22	7	8	7	28	27	29
Welling	24	8	5	11	35	44	29
Runcorn	24	7	6	11	31	46	27
Dag and Red	25	7	6	12	26	42	27
Merthyr	23	7	5	11	33	38	26
Stafford	24	5	5	14	32	53	20
Yeovil	24	4	7	13	24	40	18

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD 10,560	(0)	0	ABERDEEN	(0)	0

Postponed: Falkirk v Partick; Hearts v Hibernian; Kilmarnock v Motherwell.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	19	13	3	3	36	14	42
Motherwell	19	8	8	3	33	26	32
Hibernian	19	6	11	2	27	16	29
Celtic	18	5	10	3	19	16	25
Falkirk	19	5	8	6	25	29	23
Hearts	18	6	3	9	23	28	21
Dundee Utd	19	5	6	8	21	32	21
Aberdeen	20	4	8	8	22	24	20
Kilmarnock	19	4	8	7	20	26	20
Partick	18	3	5	10	16	31	14

First division

HAMILTON Duffield 16 McIntosh 44 Chalmers 70	(2)	3	AIRDRIE 2,278	(0)	0
ST MIRREN 3,217	(0)	0	CLYDEBANK	(0)	0
STRANRAER Gallagher 36 Grant 76	(1)	2	AYR 2,058	(0)	0

Postponed: Dunfermline v Raith; St Johnstone v Dundee.

Second division

CLYDE	(0)	A	STIRLING Armstrong 3	(1)	A
			Abandoned after 14 mins, frozen pitch		
EAST FIFE Sneddon 35 Cusack 40 Donaghy 53 Hinderstey 67	(2)	4	BRECHIN 1,253	(0)	0
			Sent off: David Lawrie (Brechin) 28		

Postponed: Dumbarton v Greenock Morton; Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank.

Third division

MONTROSE Masson 5 730	(1)	1	COWDENBTH Yardley 24 (pen), 37	(2)	2
QUEEN'S PARK 755	(0)	0	ALBION	(0)	0
ROSS COUNTY McPherson 52 Grant 69, 71	(0)	3	CALEY THIS Andrew 20 (pen) 2,749	(1)	1

Postponed: Alloa v East Stirling; Arbroath v Forfar.

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Frickley 2 Guiseley 1, Morecambe 2 Chorley 0; Spennymoor 1 Bishop Auckland 0; Whitley Bay 3 Barrow 1. First division: Ceamarfon 1 Atherton LR 2, Eastwood 4 Farsley Celtic 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham 3 Trowbridge 2, Crawley 1 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Dorchester 4 Gloucester 2; Halesowen 5 VS Rugby 0; Rushden and Diamonds 3 Chelmsford 1, Stillingbourne 2 Hastings 1; Southern division: Bashley 0 Poole Town 0; Margate 7 Tonbridge AFC 3; Newport IOW 2 Weymouth 1; Weston-super-Mare 1 Salisbury 1, Yate 0 Clevedon 2. Midland division: Moor Green 1 Redditch 1; Newport AFC 2 Dudley Town 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Walton and Hersham 2 Bromley 3. First division: Aldershot Town 1 Worthing 4; Bognor Regis 2 Uxbridge 3; Chertsey 1 Wivenhoe 1, Maidenhead 2 Tooting and Mitcham 0; Wembley 0 Berkhamsted 1. Second division: Oxford City 0 Witham 2. Third division: Camberley 1 Horsham 0; Northwood 1 Hornchurch 2.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 1 Ton Pentre 1, Bangor City 3 Newtown 0, Barry 1 Ebbw Vale 1, Caersws 2 Maesteg Park 0; Flint Town 3 Porthmadog 2, Inter Cardiff 0 Clwmbran 1, Llanelli 8 Aberystwyth 2; Llansantfraid 2 Holywell 0; Rhyl 1 Conway 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0 Taunton 3; Bridport 0 Tiverton 6; Bristol Manor Farm 3 Calne 0; Paulton Rovers 0 Mangotsfield 2; Saltash 1 Crediton 1.
FA CHALLENGE VASE: Third round replay: Elmore 4 Wick 1.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Almondsbury 1 Tuffley 3.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hebburn 0 Bedlington Terriers 3.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell 3 Shepshed D 3.
PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chipstead 3 Bedfont 2; Netherne 2 Cobham A 1.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Peacehaven/Telscombe 5 Newhaven 1; Southwick 1 Burgess Hill Town 0 (abandoned at half-time due to frost).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 2 Ballyclare 2, Bangor 1 Glentoran 3; Crusaders 1 Carrick 0; Distillery 1 Cliftonville 1; Glenavon 3 Ards 0; Larne 0 Coleraine 2; Linfield 2 Newry 0; Omagh 1 Portadown 1.
Sunday's late result.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shamrock Rovers 2 Cork City 1.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday January 7 unless stated

Coupon No. figure, forecast

FA CUP THIRD ROUND

1 Barnsley v A Villa 2
2 Bristol C v Stoke 2
3 Bury v Tranmere 2
4 Camb U v Burnley 1
5 Chelsea v Charlton X
6 Coventry v WBA X
7 Everton v Derby 1
8 Grimsby v Norwich 2
9 Luton v Bristol R 2
10 Millwall v Arsenal X
11 Nott'm F v Plymouth 1
12 Portsmouth v Bolton X
13 Reading v Oldham 2
14 Scarboro v Watford 2
15 Soton v Southend 1
16 Sunderland v Carlisle X
17 Swansea v Middbro 1
18 Swindon v Marlow 1
19 Wim'don v Colchster 1
20 Wrexham v Ipswich 2
21 Wycombe v W Ham 2

Not on coupons: Aylesbury v Queens Park Rangers (at QPR), Birmingham v Liverpool; Crystal Palace v Lincoln (Sunday); Gillingham v Sheffield Wed; Leicester v Enfield, Mansfield v Wolves; Newcastle v Blackburn (Sunday), Notts County v Manchester City (Sunday); Sheffield Utd v Manchester Utd (Monday); Tottenham v Altrincham; Walsall v Leeds.

SECOND DIVISION

22 Bradf'd v Bourn'm'th 1
23 Chester v York X
24 Hudd'field v Crewe 1
25 Hull v Shrewsbury 1
26 Leyton O v Roth'm 2

Not on coupons: Cardiff v Blackpool.

THIRD DIVISION

27 Hereford v Darlington X
28 Wigan v North'pton 1

Not on coupons: Fulham v Chesterfield (Sunday); Rochdale v Torquay; Scunthorpe v Exeter.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

29 Bath v Stafford 1
30 Gateshd v B'grove 1
31 Kettering v Stalyb'ge 1
32 Kid'minster v Farnboro 1
33 Merthyr v Stevenage 2
34 S'port v Macclesf'd X
35 Telford v Northwich 1
36 Welling v Runcorn 1
37 Yeovil v Dag and R X

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

38 Carshalton v St Albs 1
39 Harrow v Walton & H 1
40 Hayes v Grays 1
41 Hitchin v Hendon 2
42 Kingstonian v Dulwich 1
43 Molesey v Bishop's S 1
44 Purfleet v Sutton 1
45 Wo'ham v Chesham X

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

46 A'stone v Chelmsford 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER

47 Aberdeen v Falkirk X
48 Celtic v Dundee U 1
49 Hibs v Kilmarnock 1
50 *Motherwell v Hearts 1
51 Partick v Rangers 2

SCOTTISH FIRST

52 Airdrie v St Johnst'n 1
53 Ayr v St Mirren 2
54 Clydeb v Dunf'mline X
55 Dundee v Stranraer 1
56 Raith v Hamilton 2

SCOTTISH CUP SECOND ROUND

57 Alloa v Ross 1
58 Forfar v Meadowb'k 1

Not on coupons: Brechin v Stirling; Buckie v Berwick; Burntisland v St Cuthbert; Cove v Cowdenbeath; Gala v East Fife; Keith v Huntly, Queen of the South v Clyde; Queen's Park v Greenock Morton; Stenhousemuir v Arbroath, Whitehill v Montrose.

* Pools panel to adjudicate

TREBLE CHANCE: Chelsea, Coventry, Millwall; Portsmouth, Chester, Hereford, Southport, Yeovil, Kingstonian, Woking'ham, Aberdeen, Clydebank.
BEST DRAWS: Coventry, Millwall, Portsmouth, Hereford, Aberdeen.
AWAYS: Norwich, Oldham, Watford, Rotherham, Stevenage.
HOMES: Everton, Southampton, Hull, Kettering, Kidderminster, Telford, Harrow, Hayes, Purfleet, Celtic, Hibernian, Dundee.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Southampton, Hull, Kettering, Purfleet. Aways: Oldham, Watford, Rotherham. Draws: Coventry, Portsmouth, Hereford.

☐ Vince Wright

Hard times beckon Premiership's lowliest managers


Kiwomya: skilful

Ipswich Town 4
Leicester City 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN MANY respects, George Burley and Mark McGhee have taken on easy jobs. Both have joined their clubs — Ipswich Town and Leicester City respectively — in recent weeks and neither is expected to survive the rigours of the FA Carling Premiership this season. If they stay up, the pair are miracle workers; if they go down, they had too much to do anyway. A win-win situation.

Next season is the real test. When their new chairmen demand that they return among the elite at the first time of asking; when there are no excuses; when they stand or fall by the teams they pick, not those they inherited. That is when the jobs become difficult, when the simplicity fades.

Yesterday, at Portman Road, the evidence suggested there is still plenty of work to be done, in both camps, to even make a success of a spell in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Though the teams swapped places in the Premiership — Ipswich are now 21st, Leicester bottom — glaring deficiencies were there for all the hardy souls to witness.

"It's nice to see a few smiling faces for a change," Burley said. "I've told the players that win, lose or draw, they won't get any complaints from me if they play like that. I was extremely pleased; some of our play was excellent."

McGhee was less impressed but more realistic. "There was a lack of confidence and no real understanding," he said. "In the circumstances, some of my players are just not good enough. I now have to really impose my ideas on the side and make some changes.

"I have money to spend, a substantial amount, and I believe it will be enough to make a significant impression on this team. The job doesn't frighten me and I'm still glad I'm here." Perhaps he will not be so positive in four months' time.

In the first half, neither side offered much to warm the heart on a bitter Suffolk afternoon. It was strictly relegation fodder and a vivid illustration of how low the strugglers had sunk. Leicester, only one win in their previous 12 league games, relied almost exclusively on the talent of Draper. Over-burdened, he soon ran out of ideas. Ipswich, only one win in their previous 15, had nobody to rely on. The match drifted aimlessly.

In the 33rd minute, though, a smidgen of skill appeared: Kiwomya fastened on to Mason's through ball and intelligently delayed his shot until Poole had committed himself, the ball lifting nicely into the roof of the net.

With Tanner, 21, making an increasingly confident debut in midfield, the underlying feeling favoured a first Premiership victory for Ipswich since November 1. Roberts temporarily halted such extravagant thoughts, when he guided in Grayson's cross in the 52nd minute, but it was little more than a piffling inconvenience.

Two minutes later, Mason ran down a blind alley before spotting the available Tanner lurking in the middle of the pitch. His precise pass carried the exact weight and direction required and, after deliberating long and hard, Tanner rifled in a first-time drive past Poole.

Leicester, utterly disorganised and bereft of ideas, were a shadow of a side that had grafted so vigorously to share recent draws with Manchester United and Blackburn Rovers. Ipswich knew it and, for once, did something about it, two more goals rubber-stamping their best Premiership victory. The first, in the 62nd minute, was a result of Thompson's appalling back pass, which fell well short of Poole. It was seized on by Kiwomya and he dispatched it with aplomb. For the second, Kiwomya cut in from the left and centred for Yallop to thunder in a fierce header. The performance was reason enough to Burley to say afterwards: "If we don't stay up, we don't stay up, but at least we'll go out with a bit of style."

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — F Yallop, P Whelan, D Linighan, A Vaughan — C Thompson, A Tanner (sub: S Farmer, 75min), S Sedgley, P Mason (sub: N Gregan, 65) — S Slater, C Kiwomya.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): P Poole — S Grayson, J Watts, C Hill, M Whitlow — S Agnew, M Draper, S Thompson (sub: L Philpott, 62), N Lewis — D Lowe (sub: S Oldfield, 62), I Roberts.

Referee: T Holbrook.

Norwich crushed by Fowler

Liverpool begin to step up pressure in title challenge

Liverpool 4
Norwich City 0

BY PETER BALL

LIVERPOOL are suddenly making their presence felt as they move into the new year. Yesterday they beat Norwich City as comprehensively as the scoreline suggests to take maximum points from the holiday period. They move to one point behind Manchester United in third place in the FA Carling Premiership, even if still seven points behind the leaders, Blackburn.

"We aren't in the driving seat, but we've put ourselves in a position to challenge if people slip up," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. If Evans was cautious, the new Kop had no such reservations.

"We're going to win the league," they announced as Scales put Liverpool ahead after only 14 minutes. Norwich subsequently did nothing to force a rethink but Liverpool may have to wait for more formidable opposition before the substance of that boast is tested.

Without four of their regular back five, Norwich succumbed neatly. "That performance is not acceptable," John Deehan, the Norwich manager, said. "We had too many poor performances in important positions."

The result leaves Liverpool handily placed, with Blackburn and Manchester United still to visit Anfield. With Fowler, who is matching Shearer almost strike for strike, claiming two more goals to take his total to 20, Barnes ever available in midfield and McManaman running at defenders, they have a spring in their step again.

It was too much for Norwich, who were on the back foot from the opening minutes. Visiting goalkeepers are meant to look back fondly on their first appearances at Anfield, but after his heroics against Newcastle on Saturday, Andy Marshall quickly came back down to earth. He was not the only one; the more experienced players in front of him provided little protection, while Norwich were simply overrun and out-manoeuvred in midfield.

Norwich were quickly behind as Scales rose to head home Bjornebye's corner to take his first Premiership goal for the club. "One of the things we generally do well is defending at dead ball kicks," Deehan complained.

Worse was to follow. After Newman and Ullathorne had been booked for bringing down the irrepressible Redknapp, Fowler claimed his first goal of the afternoon. Slow reactions — and Newman's miskick — presented him with the opening and the forward reacted quickly, driving the ball through Marshall's legs.

Two down at the interval, Norwich went back to basics, or at least to a 4-4-2 formation, bringing on Adams and the half-fit Eadie. Within a minute they created their best chance of the afternoon, but Eadie put his header straight at James.

Any hopes that that pointed to a recovery on the way were dashed immediately. Another minute and James sent a huge kick soaring deep into Norwich's defence. Fowler got behind the line of yellow shirts to meet it, and his first touch took him away from Polston, to leave Marshall helpless for a goal Wimbledon would have been proud to claim.

Apart from some crudities from Ruddock, however, most of Liverpool's play was in their own more sophisticated vein. Barnes and Redknapp changed the angles constantly to leave Norwich running and running without getting there. They might have scored their fourth several times before they finally did, Fowler providing the cross for Rush to send a header looping beyond Marshall.

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, S Bjornebye — I Rush, R Fowler.

NORWICH CITY (3-5-2): A Marshall — S Prior, J Polston, R Newman (sub: N Adams, 45min) — D Sutch, I Crook, J Goss (sub: D Eadie, 45), M Milligan, R Ullathorne — A Ward, M Sharon.

Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).


Martyn dives to smother a Forest attack in Crystal Palace's 1-0 defeat at the City Ground yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Miserly Forest prolong Palace's misery

Nottingham Forest 1
Crystal Palace 0

BY OLIVER HOLT

LEGEND says they used to steal from the rich and give to the poor in the environs of Nottingham but if Crystal Palace, who are more impoverished than most, came to the City Ground with hope in their hearts yesterday, they were sorely disappointed. It was another day, another defeat for them. It is now nine games since they scored a goal.

It seemed it might be their day when Forest were forced to start without Stan Collymore, who was stricken with a stomach bug. But the visitors could neither beg alms nor garner booty in the bitter cold beside the shimmering Trent. As their players trudged off after the final whistle, they must have bade a relieved farewell to the holiday programme that brought them two soulless, goalless draws and precious little else.

Palace are slipping ever closer to the relegation zone and their fruitless spell is threatening to develop into a phenomenon. Now that John Jensen has scored a goal for Arsenal after his prolonged drought, Alan Smith's team is flying the flag for the heroic failures of the Premiership.

Apart from Collymore's absence, everything seemed to conspire against them yesterday. Armstrong, who has scored two goals in 23 games, crashed a header against the bar six minutes after half-time after Coleman had flipped on a corner and three minutes from the end, Ndah was brought down in the area by Lyttle but the referee refused the frenzied appeals for a penalty.

In between their misfortunes, Bull, Collymore's replacement, administered the coup de grace. Roy swung a lazy, left-footed corner into the box, Haaland nodded it on and Bull, who had missed a simple chance several minutes earlier, stooped to nod it over the line from two yards.

Just as against Blackburn Rovers on New Year's Eve, Palace were far from outclassed by Forest, who moved back into fourth place last night above Newcastle United. But the service from Palace's five-man midfield was too often hurried, their passes ill-considered, giving Armstrong and Williams few opportunities to menace. Forest were only marginally better but in Stone, who hit the bar inside the first 15 minutes, they had the only player who looked capable of carving an opening.

"They are in the top five and we're in the bottom five," Smith said after the game. "But the only difference was a corner. That is the dividing line between success and failure. We have only got a young team and they need to be told not to feel sorry for themselves. I'm still laughing but I'm not sure what I'm laughing about. I'm worried about the second half of the season. We need new players."

To compound Palace's misery, Armstrong was booked in the first half for shooting after the whistle had blown to penalise a foul. For the record, he put the ball several yards wide.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, S Chettle, V Warner, S Pearce — S Gemmill (sub: P McGregor, 77min), S Stone, I Woan, A-I Haaland — G Bull, B Roy.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): N Martyn (sub: R Wilmot, 87) — C Coleman, R Shaw, D Patterson — G Southgate, J Humphrey, D Gordon, D Pitcher (sub: G Ndah, 80), R Newman — C Armstrong, P Williams.

Referee: G R Ashby.

Dublin keen to upset former team-mates

DION DUBLIN will return to Old Trafford tonight determined to upset his former club and lift Coventry out of their holiday blues. The 6ft striker left United after an injury-hit two-year spell for Highfield Road in September.

He marked his £2 million move by scoring ten goals in his first 13 matches but a six-game absence through injury has coincided with the worst spell of the season for Phil Neal's side.

Coventry have picked up just three draws from their last six matches, conceding nine goals in the last two.

Steve Bruce, the United captain, damaged a thigh in Saturday's 2-2 draw at Southampton but he is expected to be fit.

Ray Wilkins believes Queens Park Rangers can secure a second successive London derby win when they take on Chelsea tonight. The manager senses a wave of optimism since the 3-1 win at Arsenal on Saturday.

QPR may, however, by without Les Ferdinand, who has a hamstring strain.

Keegan bewildered by penalty mix-up

Newcastle United 0
Manchester City 0

BY IVO TENNANT

THIS was a strange choice for Match of the Day. Any encounter involving Newcastle would be at the moment, which is a crying shame. Their form, or rather complete lack of it, was best illustrated when Ruel Fox struck a penalty in the first half with so little conviction that any remaining self-belief drained from their game.

Manchester City, who knocked Newcastle out of the Coca-Cola Cup just before Christmas, unashamedly came for a draw and achieved just that. Beset by injuries and bedevilled by a crowded fixture list, they reckoned they had little option. Such an outlook does not make for a match of this or any other day.

"We could not afford another defeat here with the number of matches we are having to play at the moment," Brian Horton, City's manager, said. And that just about sums up a holiday fixture list so congested that his German forward, Rösler, is pining for the mid-season sunshine break he enjoyed of old.

The missed penalty, naturally the best chance of the match, was altogether a mysterious episode. Vonk bundled over Peacock seven minutes before half-time but it was not Beardsley, Newcastle's normal penalty-taker, who took the ensuing kick. Fox apparently asked him if he could take it himself and side-footed the ball far too casually at Dibble.

"Don't ask me why Beardsley did not take it," Kevin Keegan, Newcastle's manager, said. "I went berserk at half-time." Beardsley, who has had a hamstring injury, decided only in the morning he was fit enough to take part at all — evidently Keegan does allow someone to make his own decisions — and no doubt had not practised taking penalties as frequently as he would have liked of late. But it was an odd affair.

Beardsley played deeper than normal, although he had no need to do so against such a defence-minded team. Newcastle did have other chances. Beresford had a header from a cross by Fox plucked from the top right-hand corner by Dibble and Kitson had as good a chance as any forward can expect straight after a kick-off — in this instance for the start of the second half. But Keegan was only being truthful when he said he saw little of merit in this match.

As so often happens on these occasions, the team that ventures little almost won through a breakaway towards the end. Two breakaways, in fact. First, Walsh nearly chipped the ball into Srnicek's goal rather than just over the bar. The goalkeeper was beaten by the cheek of such intentions.

Then, five minutes from time, Summerbee made one of those runs down the right wing that are so reminiscent of his father, and crossed to where Beagrie was waiting, unmarked and as eager as any footballer can be at this time of year. His left-footed volley was screwed hopelessly wide, but that was as much as we had come to expect. Newcastle are well behind the leaders, to say nothing of Keegan's beloved Liverpool, and know they must concentrate now on the FA Cup.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P Srnicek — B Venison, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — P Bracewell, R Lee, P Beardsley, R Fox — A Cole, P Kitson.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Dibble — J Foster, M Vonk (sub: F Simpson, 76min), A Kernaghan, T Phelan, N Summerbee, G Fitzroth, S Lomas, P Beagrie, P Walsh, U Rösler.

Referee: P Jones.

Big duvet, no warmth

Aston Villa 0
Leeds United 0

BY SIMON BARNES

ONE of the great heroes of modern English life is the man from Decca records who turned down The Beatles. He has given comfort to millions in their own moments of rejection: he has inspired millions to find not dismay but inspiration.

But nobody ever knows what happened to that man from Decca records, so instead we should turn our attention to football, and to Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, the nearest the sport can offer to Decca's man of legend.

Wilkinson was the man who threw away the pearl richer than all his tribe. He was the man who signed Eric Cantona, won a championship thanks to his alchemy, and then got rid of him. The reasons given by the rumour factory are legion.

The gist of them all is that he made Leeds too hot to hold him. Whatever the truth, there is a phrase about heat and kitchens that seems to cover the matter. And we could have done with a little bit of Cantona-esque warmth at Villa Park yesterday.

England, our England. Yes, we could have done with an arrogant, strutting Frenchman. The game needed warmth, and there was neither the talent nor the temperament nor the weather to supply that. The pitch was hard and slippery, players constantly falling over or bashing into each other. The hard cold weather made for hard cold football — nobody had the skill, let alone the personality, to warm things up. Undersoil heating would have helped, but Villa have instead invested in what is described as a "duvet-style cover" that cost £30,000. The duvet unquestionable gets my vote as man of the match.

Both sides were long on effort, short on coherence. The best chances at the start came direct from three successive Villa corners from Staunton, which shows the amount of imagination on view.

Both sides suffered debilitating attacks of goal-shyness, a mysterious and terrible affliction that descends from nowhere to disturb individuals, teams and matches.

White, of Leeds, was probably the worst sufferer, with the highest number of misses, the best of which was a sitter from ten feet or so. Very early on, you got the impression that things were bad and were going only to get worse. And quickly.


Masinga: style and tricks

Leeds had some nice ideas from the man with the nicest name in the Premiership, Philomen Masinga, a South African who has style and plenty of tricks. He is no Cantona — Cantona is more than tricks, it is a matter that goes soul deep.

For Cantona can do tricks not just with the ball, but with an entire team. He is a catalyst, whose force of personality is at its best on the most humdrum of occasions. He seeks the humdrum, and transforms it into gold.

That is a perfect recipe for winning championships. But you do not get Cantonas every day. That seems the perfect reason for holding on to them if you ever find them.

Villa offered instead Saunders, always scurrying about the place, and then offered, instead of a rapier, Fashanu, the lump of lead piping. But nothing was going to work yesterday.

The incoherent rage of the home supporters slowly changed into a dull, cold anger, a numb loathing for both teams. Fashanu and Masinga both played in gloves: I have played in a duffle coat myself. Nothing else was going to warm up the day. Wilkinson will no doubt be asking himself this morning: *"Ou sont les catalysts d'antan?"*

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Sant — E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Teale — R Houghton (sub: J Fashanu, 63min), I Taylor, K Richardson, S Staunton — D Yorke, D Saunders.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, N Worthington — D White, G McAllister, L Radebe, G Speed — P Masinga, B Deane.

Referee: P Danson.

Francis and Ball find only cold comfort

Sheffield Wednesday 1
Southampton 1

BY KEITH PIKE

AN AFTERNOON rich in promise and expectation proved, disappointingly, almost as flat as New Year's Eve's champagne. Despite the assorted talents of Le Tissier, Waddle and Bart-Williams, Hillsborough yesterday will be remembered not so much for the skill factor as the chill factor.

So, his own team's momentum having stalled after three successive FA Carling Premiership victories, Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, leapt nimbly aboard football's most enduring bandwagon in an effort to explain away a match that meandered for long spells and was notable for its lack of passion.

"It is completely unfair to expect players to play four games in seven days," Francis said. "I made a double substitution in the second half but, to be honest, I would have taken the whole 11 off if I could."

Francis found an ally in Alan Ball, his opposite number. "I think the players were on their last legs," Ball said. "I looked into their eyes before the start and there was no spark there. I have worked harder than anybody else today, trying to drag that last bit out of them, but it was like pulling teeth. They have been into work every day for the last fortnight and they are fed up with me, each other and football."

Neither squad can expect a liberal amount of time-off to recuperate before the season recommences with the FA Cup third round on Saturday. It is almost certainly the only avenue of success left open to them — Southampton most obviously, Wednesday despite a much improved run that has removed Francis from the list of potential managerial casualties.

"Eight days ago, when we played Everton at Goodison, I sat down at 3 o'clock and it hit me that if we lost we would be in the bottom four," he said. They are now tenth but 21 points behind Blackburn Rovers, the leaders, and it would take an upset of Foinavon proportions for Wednesday to barge their way into what, by consensus, is a two-horse title race.

Francis can console himself with the blossoming of his new strike partnership of Bright and Whitingham, Bart-Williams's growing maturity and menace on the flanks and, in particular, the emergence of Graham Hyde as a midfield creator and destroyer with the power to turn matches.

It was Hyde who shook Wednesday out of their early lethargy yesterday, pouncing when Grobbelaar could only get a weak punch to Bart-Williams's corner to volley the ball back from 15 yards in the eighteenth minute. Before Christmas, Hyde had not scored for 19 games, and had managed only eight goals in 118 matches all told: now, after getting the winner at Filbert Street on Saturday, he threatened to do the same again. He was denied when Heaney tempted Atherton into conceding a 69th minute penalty — converted, unemphatically, by Le Tissier. The spoils could still have been Wednesday's but Hall went unpunished for a handling offence in the penalty area and Pearce's back-header hit Grobbelaar's post.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, A Pearce, D Walker, I Nolan — C Waddle (sub: D Petrescu, 74min), J Sheridan, G Hyde, C Bart-Williams — G Whitingham (sub: G Watson, 74), M Bright.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-4-1-2): B Grobbelaar — R Hall, T Widdrington, K Monkou — J Kenna (sub: P Tisdale, 51), J Dodd, J Magilton, F Benali — M Le Tissier — I Dowie, C Maskell (sub: N Heaney, 65).

Referee: R Dilkes.

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Rees ends barren run of form

Newport struggle towards safety among Welsh elite

Newport 19
Abertillery 10

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THESE are gloomy days for Gwent rugby. Their four clubs prop up the first division of the Heineken League, and, of that quartet, none has a more illustrious history than Newport. Once one of Wales's traditional "big four" clubs, Newport are now scrambling for survival among the elite.

The new year, however, brought them breathing space in the shape of victory over Abertillery at Rodney Parade yesterday by a goal and four penalty goals to two tries. It was only their fourth league win of the season, of which three have come against their fellow strugglers, Abertillery and Pontypool, the latter now relegated to bottom. As it happens, the fourth was at Neath, where Cardiff, at the top of the table, found such difficulty at the weekend.

Newport also have Kevin Moseley restored to their pack. The former Wales lock, capped nine times, has been missing for a year with a persistent groin injury, but he reappeared yesterday to give stature to the lineout and solidity to a scrum that always had the capacity to make Abertillery struggle.

If I admit to a soft spot for Abertillery, it is because of a season spent reporting their activities more than 20 years ago, when they were desperately trying to stay with the top-flight clubs. "We'd run a squad system," one official said at the time, "but we haven't got enough players." That they are in the first division now is a credit to the club's recruitment, which includes two Oxbridge products in Richard Pask — son of Alun, himself a famous son of Abertillery — and Kevin Price.

However, it was another Blue who took the limelight yesterday, Gareth Rees had a dire December, during which it mattered little for whom he played — he still lost. Whether it was Oxford, Canada, Newport or even the Barbarians, Rees ended on the wrong side. Here, though, the right side of a goalpost assisted his first conversion and thereafter his kicking, off the ground or out of hand, drove Abertillery back time and again.

The difficulties for clubs at the bottom of the division at this time of year are such that Newport trained hard during the week, only to bring in three backs for the match who had not been part of their preparations. On the day, though, they served their turn.

Both clubs worked some ritual malice from their systems during the first half, when Abertillery's sprightly attack looked more likely to carry the day. A smart try at the start of each half, however, was the best the visitors could manage. Williams scored the first after a series of rucks which followed the full back's own willingness to run at opponents. The second, shortly after the interval, fell to Corlett after Gladwyn added his weight to Price's thrust.

Newport's response began when Llewellyn drew the defence and left space for White and Jeffries to complete the try. Rees added a penalty goal, but a 10-5 lead against the wind was little enough until an upsurge of confidence in the second half.

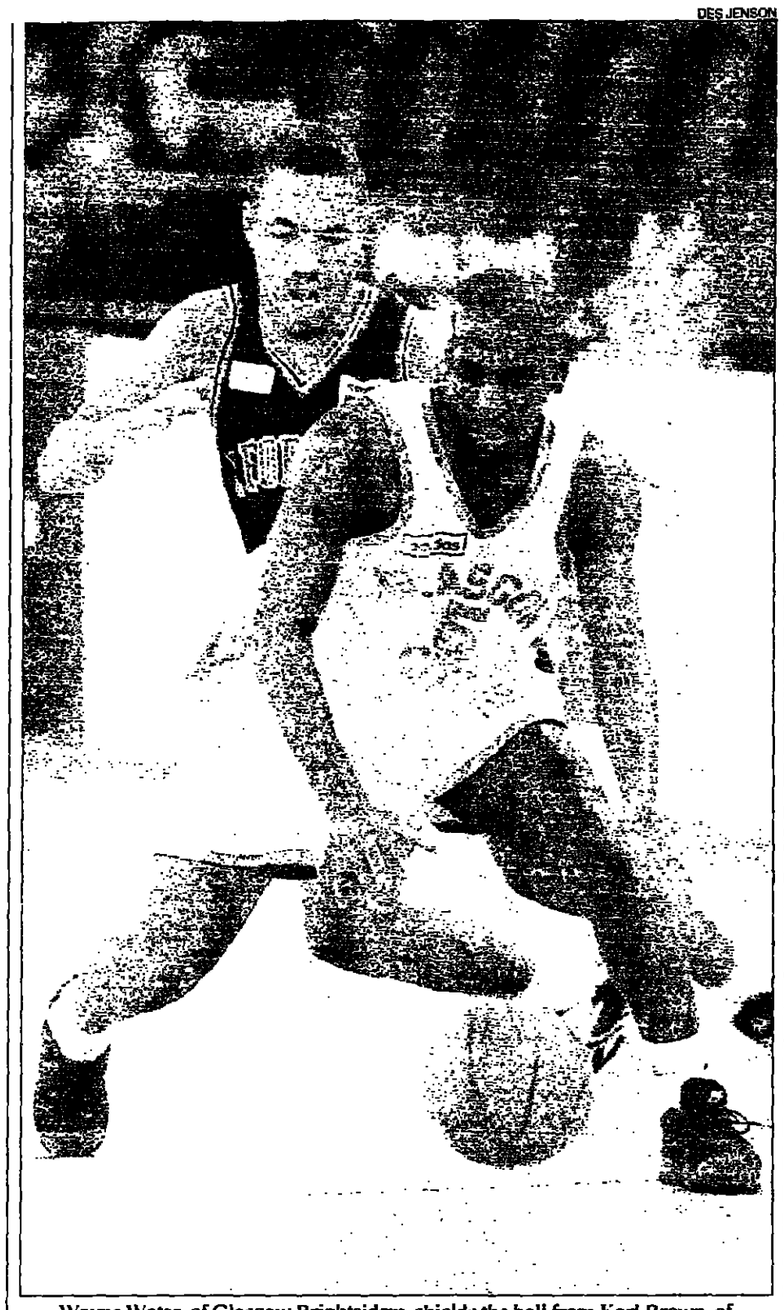
Inspired perhaps by the award during the interval of life membership of Newport to the popular David Waters (with nearly 700 appearances in the club's second row), the forwards worked industriously. Abertillery, straggling back to fill the gaps, offended and Rees duly kicked the goals that may, at the end of the season, prove the difference between relegation and survival.

SCORERS: Newport: Try: Jeffries. Conversion: Rees. Penalty goals: Rees (4). Abertillery: Tries: Williams, Corlett.
NEWPORT: M Yendle, I Jeffries, J White, M Llewellyn, D Drew, G Rees, I Parfitt, D Thomas, A Peacock, S Cronk, B Atkins, N Jones, K Moseley, D Gray, R Goodey. Jones replaced by M Wornman (73min). Llewellyn replaced by E Hayward (81).
ABERTILLERY: M Williams, A Dobbs, R Roberts, B Corlett, A Richards, K Price, M Prosser, J Mannering, C Mullins, B Cripps, M Picton, M Whitson, J Cicero, P Pask, G Gladwyn. Whitson replaced by R McCorkindale (66min).
Referee: H Lewis (Pontypridd).

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	14	11	0	3	402	166	22
Pontypridd	13	11	0	2	347	147	22
Neath	14	8	2	4	226	225	18
Bridgend	14	8	1	5	312	284	17
Swansea	13	8	0	5	287	231	16
Llanelli	13	7	0	6	255	231	12
Dunvant	13	5	1	7	187	256	11
Treorchy	13	5	0	8	243	203	10
Newbridge	14	5	0	9	199	290	10
Abertillery	14	4	0	10	232	338	8
Newport	13	4	0	9	181	273	8
Pontypool	14	3	0	11	199	378	6

DES JENSON



Wayne Water, of Glasgow Brightsiders, shields the ball from Karl Brown, of Leopards, during Leopards' 97-63 victory in the consolation game yesterday

Bridgend avoid ultimate penalty

Bridgend 15
Newbridge 12

BY GERALD DAVIES

WITH this victory, by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to a coverted penalty try and a try, Bridgend move into fourth position in the first division of the Heineken League. This will please the club which might not have anticipated such a high position when the season began. Had Bridgend not lost to Dunvant in a somewhat generous pre-Christmas gesture, they might have been better placed still.

In addition this season, they have earned a reputation for running rugby, but there was not much of this in evidence at the Brewery Field yesterday, when a post-festive lassitude characterised both teams.

Neither side exerted any authority, and although the home team went into a 12-point lead, the visitors kept in touch by virtue of a penalty try awarded seven minutes into the second half — an occurrence which provides the opportunity to air a long-standing grouse.

The penalty try was awarded when Wilkins faced a mounting attack by the visitors close to his line. He went for the interception, failed and knocked the ball on. This was interpreted as intentional.

The line between attempting genuinely to go for the ball and failing, and purposely to knock it on so as to bring a promising movement to a halt, is a fine one. There were those who were aggrieved that Derek Bevan failed to penalise David Campese in such a way in the last World Cup final, against England. The referee in that instance instead awarded a penalty. It is better in these circumstances to err on the side of caution.

The "probability" — the critical word in the law — of a try being scored is doubtful. The pass has to go to hand, the ball held, the cover defence avoided and the line still to be crossed. To punish a team with a clear seven points for what is only a possible transgression and is a long way from being definitive is harsh in the extreme. For one team to win, the other to lose because of such a decision is manifestly unfair.

The close score in this ragged match suggests how critical the award might have been. Still, Bridgend managed to escape.

The home side's first try was a kick and chase by Wilkins, who did well to control the ball, not knowing whether it was going to stick or slide away. The second try, converted by Matthew Lewis, resulted from a strong charge by Gareth Thomas, who is hailed as a most promising centre. After shrugging off a tackle or two, Jason Lewis was in support to score near the post.

Although Newbridge scored at the end, Matthew Lewis's earlier penalty goal ensured Bridgend's victory.

SCORERS, Bridgend: Tries: Williams, J Lewis. Conversion: M Lewis. Penalty goal: M Lewis. Newbridge: Tries: Reed, Hannah, Try. Conversion: Arthur.
BRIDGEND: C Beardshaw, N Wilkins, G Thomas, C Jones, G Wilkins, M Lewis, J Lewis, D Rees, I Greenslade, S Gale, C Roberts, S Jenkins, E Williams, J Forster (c). Scorer: Thomas (replaced by M Bevan (Mignan)).
NEWBRIDGE: A Taylor, S Hall, A Lewis, J Hassler, S Reed, P Arthur, A Williams, P Edwards, N Hook, S Ferrer, I Dunbar, L Crane, P Wardle, P Crane, G Pugh (c) (replaced by G Thomas (62) Hassler replaced by S Hook (70)).
Referee: D Davies (Llandaff).

Clubs bear burden of England injuries

BY DAVID HANDS

THOSE English clubs most affected by national squad calls will await, with some trepidation, the return of their players from Lanzarote this week. Already, Bath and Bristol are certain to be without some of their internationals for their meeting at the Memorial Ground on Saturday.

The clubs will bear in mind, too, that on January 14, they will be without the England players required against Ireland in Dublin a week later. The Rugby Football Union has already booked the Saturdays prior to international weekends, and it may be that some clubs will decide this weekend deliberately to omit some of their internationals, even if they are not injured.

Bath, for example, know already that Victor Ubogu's hamstring will not permit him to play against Bristol, while Ben Clarke's mysterious back injury may be the better for a rest. For their part, Bristol are resigned to the absence of Paul Hull, and will be anxious about Simon Shaw, who exacerbated a knee injury playing for the Barbarians against Leicester two days after Christmas.

The England training squad arrived back from the Canaries yesterday, filling the early morning hours with an additional session before boarding the flight. "The game in Ireland is a huge match for us," Will Carling, the captain, said. "You could compare it with a World Cup opener. It will set the pattern for the tournament."

That being the case, it must be assumed that the playing pattern that England adopt for the five nations' will not be far removed from that which they showed before Christmas, with the added dash of pragmatism that playing Ireland generally demands. England hope to name their side next weekend while the Ireland XV will be known on Monday.



Ubogu: ruled out

Bucknall confirms status as Britain's best player

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

STEVE BUCKNALL went into the final of the world invitation club basketball championship at Crystal Palace last night having already further enhanced his reputation as the finest player Britain has produced.

An all-court, all-purpose player, the gift oin Bucknall is fast making up for his failure to make the grade in the National Basketball Association (NBA) in the United States, and, if he maintains his present form, the NBA may beckon again. Yet he appears unconcerned if he fails to make the grade in the United States. As the best-known player in British basketball, he is something of a celebrity, but that does not mean he craves the trimmings that go with celebrity status. "Other players might want it," he said, "but me, I'm a professional and I just want to play."

He does that superbly, averaging more than 20 points a game to keep the Thames Valley Tigers in contention for successful defences of their Budweiser League and 7-Up Trophy titles. The only sadness was that Bucknall, 26, chose not to represent England in the recent three-game trip to Iceland, preferring to spend time with Heidi, his girlfriend, who had flown from Atlanta to be with him.

Bucknall's decision may not have earned the approval of Dr Laszlo Nemeth, the England coach, but the player said: "He [Nemeth] understands it. He knows I was there every Monday for England's training sessions. I'm very much interested. I want to be part of the programme. I want to play for England. Everybody knows that. I like Laszlo Nemeth and I like what he does for the team."

After the apparent reluctance of Bucknall to represent his country under Kevin Cadle, it was perhaps natural that his absence in Iceland would be viewed with suspicion. He explained: "Off court, Kevin and I got on fine, but, at times, there were things going on with the England programme that I didn't like. There was nothing personal against Kevin. It was just that I was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Unlike some of his contemporaries, Bucknall is not fired by any intense personal desire to succeed in the NBA. After his two years of sitting mainly on the bench with the Los Angeles Lakers, he is realistic. "I didn't play very much," he said. "When there was a blow out, I got some time. Pat Riley would put me on for defence for a minute or two to shake the other players up. I've not really thought about the NBA since. Maybe I should have thought about it more, but, obviously, if the opportunity arises again, I definitely would grab it."

A former Crystal Palace junior, Bucknall's career took off during the four years he spent at the University of North Carolina under the celebrated Dean Smith. Now, Thames Valley, his club, are reaping all the benefits of Smith's guidance.

WORD-WATCHING

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CONY

(c) A hat in the United States made of rabbit-fur, in place of beaver. 1855, Life: "If a pedlar wanted to trade with us for a box of beaver hats, he was sure to obtain a box of coneys."

FIDATE

(b) To give immunity from capture, used especially in chess problems. 1910, H. J. R. Murray, British Chess Magazine: "This left the white pieces unprotected on QR7 and QRKt7 and in typical mediaeval fashion they were fidated, i.e. made immune from capture."

UCKERS

(a) A board game resembling ludo, played in the Navy. C. Causley in Cornish Short Stories: "The rest of the mess — arguing, scuffling, singing, writing, playing uckers."

SPRUIK

(c) To deliver a speech, hold forth, or speak in public, especially of a showman. "The same hollow-chested men were spruiking to the crowd again, offering them the answer and the path into the future."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Bh6+! and the bishop cannot be captured on account of Qh5+ and mate next move. Black played 1. . . . Kg8, but after 2. Nxc6 Bxc6; 3. Qxe6+ Kh8; 4. Bxf8 was a rook in arrears.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Double trouble fails to stop Taylor treble

PHIL TAYLOR overcame some "double trouble" to win his third world darts title by carrying off the Proton Cars world championship at Purfleet, Essex, yesterday. Taylor, the runner-up last year, beat Rod Harrington 6-2 in the final after losing two of the first three sets and despite collecting an incredible number of missed doubles.

Harrington, who was 37 three days ago, secured a 2-1 lead after hitting ten doubles in 18 attempts, while at that point Taylor had sunk only four of 14. But Harrington, who is based in Chelmsford, then began to score poorly and Taylor, despite still continually missing doubles, was almost invariably first to the punch.

Taylor, 34, from Stoke, sank only 19 doubles in 58 attempts, while Harrington managed 16 out of 35. Taylor's first two world titles were gained in the official Embassy championship in 1990 and 1992, while his success yesterday came in the breakaway event organised by the rebel World Darts Council.

Chance for Tomlinson

SQUASH: Egypt's grip on the Drysdale Cup looks tenuous with Ahmed Barada, 17, the world junior champion, at home nursing a dislocated shoulder (Colin McQuillan writes). Barada's withdrawal leaves Chris Tomlinson, of Kent, as the top seed. Egypt's control of the under-16 age-group of the Commercial Union British junior open championships seemed assured, however, after a confident first-round victory by Ahmed Faizy, the holder, over Robin Shelley, of Middlesex, at Lambs Club in London yesterday.

Fog holds up rally

MOTOR RALLYING: The first African stage of the Dakar rally was hit by fog yesterday with competitors forced to drive into the Moroccan desert in convoy. The 244 competitors arrived by ferry from Spain for the 619-kilometre second stage of the rally, from Nadar to Er Rachidia. They were welcomed by fog and rain which delayed the start of the 255-kilometre timed section. Drivers and riders set off on the special stage several hours late.

Century for Gurusinha

CRICKET: Asanka Gurusinha hit a chanceless 117 yesterday to put the Sri Lankans in control on the second day of their four-day match against Border at East London. Gurusinha hit 16 fours and a six while helping the touring team to 249 for six. Muttiah Muralitheran began the day by claiming his seventh wicket as Border's first innings closed after five runs had been added to the overnight 218 for nine. The off spinner returned figures of seven for 57 from 35.4 overs.

Holder defends title

RACKETS: Alex Smith-Bingham, the holder, is the favourite for the British under-24 championship, which starts today at the Queen's Club in London. Smith-Bingham is an Old Etonian, whose younger brother, Guy, won the public schools colts championship two weeks ago. He is tipped to meet Matthew Windows, the Old Cliftonian who plays cricket for Gloucestershire, in the final. Smith-Bingham and Windows are the No 1 seeds in the doubles.

Winn finds top gear

CYCLO-CROSS: Julian Winn, the Welsh road and cyclo-cross champion, had a convincing victory yesterday before the British title race in Birmingham this Sunday when he won the Port Talbot Wheelers eight-mile event. He went clear at mid-distance of the 13-lap course that was a mixture of mud and water, to hold off David Walker, his closest challenger, by more than two minutes. George Richardson was a further 20 seconds behind in third place.

Romario a cut above

FOOTBALL: Romario, the Brazil striker, was named as the top athlete of the year by the French sports newspaper, L'Equipe, yesterday. Romario was named "champion of champions" for 1994 after he helped Brazil to win the World Cup last summer. Romario, who suffered a cut above the eye from a flying beer can during a new year beach party in Rio, scored 235 points, ahead of Tony Rominger, the Swiss cyclist, and Alexander Popov, the Russian swimmer.

McCrossin leads way

YACHTING: Ian McCrossin, of Australia, won the first heat of the world Flying Dutchman championship in St Vincent's Gulf, off Adelaide, yesterday. McCrossin, on an elapsed time of 2hr 03min 42sec for the heat, came in ahead of Paul Francis, of New Zealand (2:04:52), and Sabolcs Majthenyi, of Hungary (2:04:67), over the 12-nautical mile course. Thirty-six entrants are competing in the championship, which ends on January 9.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

MIAMI: Orange college bowl: Miami (1) bt Nebraska 24-17

BASKETBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE: WICB tournament: Men: Semi-finals: London 93 Den Herder 82; The Rest 104, Solihull Bullets 98. Consolation game: Leopards 97 Glasgow 63.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: Final day of two-day match: Wales 306 and 190-9 dec (M Ellcock 3-38, S Julian 3-66); Western Australia 84 and 314-6 (D Marsh 114, T Hohns 58, T Zoehrer 52 not out). Western Australia won by four wickets. Adelaide: Third day of three-day match: South Australia 566-5 dec (D Hussey 116, J Siddons 102, G Blewett 100 not out, M McIntyre 3-65) and 46-2; Victoria 223 (M Stoneman 60, P Clough 51, T Hickman 4-57) and 389 (D Berry 149, C Langley 66, P Reiffel 4-74). South Australia won by 200 runs.

EAST LONDON: Tour match (second day): Border 223 (M Stoneman 60, P Clough 51, T Hickman 4-57) and 218-9 (D Berry 149, C Langley 66, P Reiffel 4-74). South Australia won by 200 runs.

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: Welsh CA (Cardiff): 9.8 miles: D Wheeler (Penarth Wheelers) 20min 38sec; S Hopkins (CC Cardiff) 21min 3sec; A Williams (Rhondda) 21min 20sec.

CYCLO-CROSS: Colchester Rovers (Colchester): 1 P Thurgood 2 B Pitman 3 Jessop. 1 Burch (Chelmsford) 2 Coalville Wheelers 10 miles: 1, S Lumsden 2 Bond (CC Colchester) 3 Bowden. 50 miles: 1, P Thurgood (Colchester) 2 Jessop 3 Burch. Senior: 1, Bond.

Newcastleians v Newcastle Gosforth, Richmond v London Scottish, Rosslyn Park v Harlequins, Saracens v Wasps, Solihull v Gala, Sutton and Epsom v Askeans, West Hartlepool v Stockton

DARTS

PURFLEET, World Darts Council world championship: Semi-finals: R Harrington (Eng) bt P Evison (Eng), 6-1; P Taylor (Eng) bt J Lowe (Eng) 5-4. Third place play-off: Lowe bt Evison 4-2. Final: Taylor bt Harrington 6-2.

FRIMLEY GREEN, Bmish Darts Organisation world championship: First round: R Sampwood (Wal) bt L Watkins (Scot) 3-2, P Hunt (ULs) bt S Eccleshare (Sco) 3-0, C Mant (Eng) bt R Schuiten (Holl) 3-1, I Brand (Eng) bt W Abrams (Aus) 3-0, M Gregory (Eng) bt T Chamberlain (Can) 3-2, P Painter (Eng) bt M Cans (Sau) 3-2, M Adams (Eng) bt B Raes (Bel) 3-1, R Sharp (Scot) bt B George (Eng) 3-0, J Part (Can) bt P Houghton (Eng) 3-2.

SQUASH

LAMBS CLUB, London Commercial Union British Junior open championships: Boys, Under-19: Second round: L Doutad (Somerset) bt A Others (Yorks) 9-7, 9-4, 9-5, A Lai (Mals) bt D Clarkson (Essex) 4-9, 9-3, 9-5, 5-9, 9-2, M Poppitt (Gen) bt M Clover (Sussex) 9-2, 9-0, 9-6, M Heather-Hayes and J Hess (Hants) bt M Monio (Finl) bt H Kamal (Middlesex) 9-4, 9-1, 9-5, M Soo (Mals) bt M Bergman (Wales) 9-5, 7-9, 9-6, 9-3, 10-8, P Trenfield (Yorks) bt M El-mashad (Egypt) 6-9, 9-6, 9-1, 7-9, 9-1, S Rose (Can) bt T Vail (Sussex) 4-9, 9-4, 9-1, 9-2, M Cowie (Norf'lk) bt A Miller (Fin) 9-0, 9-1, 9-1, R Arabar (Middlesex) bt R Pollard (Middlesex) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1, A Ton-Son (Ire) bt A Muller (Switz) 9-1, 9-5, 9-2, B Ball (Suffolk) bt E Leuwen (Holl) 9-0, 9-3, 9-0, I Haggins (Essex) bt F Stenzel (Austria) 9-3, 9-2, 9-0, V Alghanim (Egypt) bt A Harnaed (Gen) 9-4, 9-3, 9-3, L Drew (Bucks) and M Eassa (Egypt) bye; G Tupping (Wales) bt D McNeely (US) 9-5, 6-9, 10-8, 9-3, 9-6, A Salam (Egypt) bt N Hynes (Essex) 9-3, 9-6, 9-1, J Dale (Northampton) bt H Rizal (Sing) 9-1, 9-3, 9-7, L Elmore (Fr) bt N Donnison (Scot) 9-0, 9-5, 9-9, 9-6, D Buonchristi (It) bt G Pope (Herts) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1, A Gaillard (Holl) bt G Schelpdauer (Austria) 9-0, 9-3, 9-4, L Beadnell (Yorks) bt T Duke (Wales) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0, S Gale (Finl) bt M Hopkins (Dorset) 10-9, 9-6, 10-9, T Leaden (Fr) bt D De Bella (Arg) 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, R Blunt (Gen) bt C Davies (Wales) 9-1, 9-7, 9-2, J Robbens (Holl) bt T Burrell (Surrey) 9-0, 9-1, 9-3, P Aller (Essex) bt A McLaren (Wales) 9-3, 9-2, 9-4, K Low (Malay) bt Dirian Caesbroeck (Bel) 9-1, 9-3, 9-3, V Sitsonen (Finl) bt A Lim (Sing) 9-3, 9-0, 9-0, S Ayling (Sussex) bt M Gada (Ger) 9-3, 9-1, 9-5, C Tomlinson (Ken) bt G Webber (Wales) 9-1, 9-4, 9-5. Under-16: First round: C Butler (Kent) bt N Cnamners (Dorset) 9-5, 9-2, 9-6, N Matthew (Yorks) bt P Blom (Essex) 9-6, 9-3, 9-4, E Dippenaar (SA) bt D Ramsey (Suffolk) 9-4, 9-2, 9-0, S Miller (Warwicks) bt N Austin (Sussex) 9-0, 9-3, 9-0, 9-2, A Stait (Glocs) bt M Rosales (Arg) 9-4, 10-9, 4-9, 9-10, 9-3, N Staunton (Warwicks) bt C Reeve (Norfolk) 7-9, 7-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-6, D Uhlke (Ger) bt D Lewis (Lecs) 9-0, 9-5, 9-1, S Pohan (Suffolk) bt E Thornewell (Worcs) 9-3, 6-9, 9-1, 10-9, A Holderegger (Switz) bt M Woolway (Northants) 9-2, 9-1, 9-0, B Garner (Surrey) bt M Braunholz (Ger) 6-9, 9-3, 9-0, 10-8, O Weights (Essex) and M Riddy (Warwicks) scr, G Evans (Notts) bt N Sutherland (Cheshire) 9-4, 9-2, 9-2. Girls: Under-19: First round: G Frese (Ger) bt S Wee (Malay) 9-3, 9-1, 9-3, V Bowright (Lancs) bt S Rasanen (Finl) 9-1, 9-3, 10-9, C Cogan (Essex) bt M Cauwels (Bel) 9-1, 9-4, 9-0, S Jacquinot (Fr) bt M Hegazy (Egypt) 9-7, 9-6, 10-9, M Zen (Egypt) bt K van Genechten (Bel) 9-8, 9-0, 9-4, N Burton-Pye (Norfolk) bt R Hegazy (Egypt) 9-3, 1-0 ret, H Hargreaves (Merseyside) bt K Dexter (Ger) 9-6, 9-6, 9-0, F Head (Hants) bt J Yue (Sing) 4-9, 9-4, 5-9, 10-8, 10-8, K Johnson (Kent) bt J Salonen (Fin) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0, O Puigdemont (Sp) bt J Savidge (Yorks) 5-9, 9-2, 9-0, 9-6, M Moy (Sing) bt K Allison (Yorks) 8-10, 9-3, 10-8, 9-1, P Karonen (Finl) bt Y Afifi (Egypt) 9-0, 9-0, 9-1

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YACHTING

SOUTH LAKE: Australia: Moth world championship: First race: 1, E Lazich (Strato Cruiser, Aus), 3, T Webster (Usb Done, Aus), 3, M Thorpe (Late Charge, Aus), 9, T Collyer (Staying Alive, GB), 14, S Payne (3M Innovation, GB); 20, M Cooper (Skinny Ribs, GB); 22, P Lee (Jam Love, GB), 24, K Hope (Bad Dreams, GB), 33, M Penslake (The Executioner, GB); 39, L de Legh (Cableyron Systems, GB), 45, R Baker, 48, R Wheeler (About Time, GB). Second race: 1, Lazich, 2, S Shimeld (I Wanna Be Straight, Aus); 3, J Lord (Stargazer, Aus), 14, Collyer, 20, Payne, 23, Penslake, 24, Lee, 25, Hope, 34, de Legh, 43, Baker, 61, Wheeler. Third race: 1, Webster, 2, Lazich, 3, Shimeld, 9, Collyer, 16, Payne, 19, Cooper, 22, Penslake, 27, Lee, 32, De Legh, 34, Baker, 40, Hope. Fourth race: 1, Lazich, 2, W Cooke (NZ) 3, Webster, 8, Collyer, 16, Payne, 19, Penslake, 21, Cooper, 22, Hope

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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FA Carling Premiership
Manchester Utd v Coventry (5.0)
QPR v Chelsea (3.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Millwall v Oldham (7.45)
* Port Vale v Stoke (7.45) P

Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Southport
(at Witton Albion, 7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Second division
Berwick v Queen of South

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Harpenden v Biggleswade, Marlon Reynes v Royston, Welwyn GC v Bracknell Sports.
PONTINS LEAGUE. First division (7.0): Everton v Tranmere, Notts County v Wolverhampton, Rotherham v Leeds. Second division, Birmingham v Burnley (7.0), Leicester v Huddersfield (7.0); Manchester City v Newcastle (6.45); Mansfield v Middlesbrough (7.0), Oldham v Port Vale (7.0), Preston v Bradford (7.0).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Metropolitan Police v Chesham.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE. First division: Maine Road (Man) v Nantwich. Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Third round, Atherton Collieries v Ridgmont.
JENSON LEAGUE. Premier division: Tranmere v Woodbridge.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division, Crowborough v Ringmer, Hailsham v Ramsgate, Littlehampton v Portfield, Oakwood v Whitehawk; Shoreham v Peacham.
EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Diss v Stowmarket, Halstead v Colchester.
SCHOOLS MATCHES. FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Bedfordshire v Essex (at Carshalton, 12.0); Hampshire v Wiltshire (at Shoreland Road, 2.15).

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
First division
Bridgend 15 Newbridge 12
Bridgend: Tries: J Lewis, Williams. Con: M Lewis. Pen: M Lewis. Newbridge: Tries: Reed, Hannah. Try: Arthur.
Newport 19 Abertillery 10
Newport: Try, Jeffries. Con: Rees. Pens: Rees 4. Abertillery: Tries, Corlett. Mullins.

Club matches
Havant 30 Basingstoke 25
Maesteg 20 Pontypool 35
North Walsham 29 Hull 8
CANCELLED: Surrey v Italian XV, Hong Kong v Hawick, Edinburgh Academicals v Selkirk, Jedforest v Melrose, Kelso v Gala, Leeds v Bradford, Liverpool St Helens v Fylde, Moseley v Leicester, Nottingham v Rosslyn Park, Orrell v Sale, Otley v Wakefield, Rugby v Northampton, Waterloo v Blackheath, Wharfedale v Bedford.

RUGBY UNION

Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Third round: Aberavon Quins v Cwmbran, Bedwas v Llanharan, Bonymaen v Penarth, Cardiff Civil Service v Llanelli Wanderers, Cardiff Institute v Llandaff North, Dinas Powys v Llandaff, Ebbw Vale v Pontypool, Glamorgan Wanderers v Aberavon, Glyncorrwg v Ystalyfera, Llanharan v Pontyclun, Llanishen v Cardiff, Maesteg v Bridgend, Mountain Ash v Penallta, Neath v Swansea, Nelson v Ynysybwl, Newport v Abertillery, Pontypridd v Treorchy, Rhiwbina v Whitchurch, Risca v Crumlin, Taffs Well v Tredegar, Tumble v Llanelli, Ystrad Rhondda v Dunvant.

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England A stumble to one-run defeat in first match

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND A lost the opening match of their tour of India by one run to the Cricket Club of India (CCI) in Bombay yesterday, falling away after reaching 154 for three in reply to CCI's total of 209 for six in a 50-overs-a-side one-day fixture.

The loss of Alan Wells, the captain, and David Hemp to successive balls, for 44 and 43 respectively, exposed the lower order to the leg spin bowling of Sairaj Bahutule, who took a match-winning five for 41.

After Wells had put CCI in to bat, Amol Muzumdar, who scored 260 on his debut, a world record, for Bombay last year, with an undefeated 49, and Samir Dighe, who scored 55, were their main run-scorers. Richard Stemp, the Yorkshire left-arm spinner, who took three wickets for 44, was the pick of the England A attack.

Nick Knight (28) and Jason Gallian (25) put on 48 for the first wicket as England A started solidly, but Bahutule removed Gallian and Mark Ramprakash, for a duck, in three balls and forced Knight to hit his wicket to leave England 70 for three.

Wells and Hemp put on 84 in 16 overs to raise hopes of victory, but a mixture of bad batting and doubtful umpiring decisions unhinged England as they narrowly failed to score the 14 they needed to win off the last over, finishing on 208 for eight.

England begin a four-day match against the India Youth XI in Bombay today.

CCI XI

Z Bharucha c Knight b Chapple	6
*S Dighe c Knight b Weekes	55
J Paranjape c Chapple b Stemp	29
A Muzumdar not out	49
R Gavaskar c Weekes b Stemp	13
I Khan c Patel b Stemp	6
M Jogleker b Cork	8
S Bahutule not out	23
Extras (b 9, lb 3, w 6, nb 2)	20
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	209

D Mahambrey, D Desai and M Kulkarni did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-102, 3-104, 4-132, 5-148, 6-165.

BOWLING: Cork 9-0-38-1; Chapple 8-3-26-1; Gallian 6-1-20-0; Patel 8-0-39-0; Weekes 10-1-32-1; Stemp 9-2-44-3.

ENGLAND A

N V Knight hit wkt b Bahutule	28
J E R Gallian c Dighe b Bahutule	25
M R Ramprakash c Dighe b Bahutule	0
*A P Wells c sub b Desai	44
D L Hemp lbw b Kulkarni	43
P N Weekes run out	9
D G Cork lbw b Bahutule	10
†P A Nixon c Muzumdar b Bahutule	10
G Chapple not out	13
R D Stemp not out	8
Extras (b 7, lb 6, w 3, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	208

M M Patel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-48, 3-70, 4-154, 5-154, 6-167, 7-187, 8-187.

BOWLING: Mahambrey 10-1-49-0; Desai 10-1-35-1; Khan 10-2-28-0; Bahutule 10-3-41-5, Kulkarni 8-0-33-1; Gavaskar 2-0-9-0.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Devon Malcolm lashes Shane Warne for six during his rousing contribution to England's later-order rally in the third Test match at Sydney yesterday. Report, page 19

Barclay's style hides serious intent

Andrew Longmore meets the Old Etonian in charge of the England A team tour of India

The last time John Barclay toured India, he was an England schoolboy cricketer with a professional career ahead of him. He lived for two months on tea and scrambled eggs. Some 25 years later, he has returned to India as tour manager of the England A team, hardly changed in looks or outlook, still a schoolboy at heart, still hiding a tough cricketing brain behind his self-mockery, still head over heels in love with the game. Given half a chance, he will don his whites and take to the field again, as he does regularly for the Duchess of Norfolk's XI each summer.

In some ways, Barclay is a surprising choice for the role of manager, despite his impeccable credentials. Eton and Sussex. He seems too nice by half, too chummy. Peter Roebuck, the former Somerset captain, once wrote that Barclay divided the world into two types: "nice chaps" and "fairly nice chaps". "Al Capone on St Valentine's Day," he added, "might require the 'fairly' to be spoken very slowly."

Yet, this is as deceptive as Barclay's claim that his captaincy of Sussex, one of the most successful in the county's history, was merely a matter of "surrounding myself with brilliant players to make up for my own inadequacy". Brilliant players, such as Imran Khan and Garth le Roux, needed tender handling, and Barclay, with his chattering enthusiasm, found the right way. He will doubtless do so with his young A team, though quite what they are making of him is anyone's guess. "Probably think I'm a lunatic eccentric. I don't know," he said.

Of the 16-strong party, only Alan Wells, the captain, knew Barclay in his Sussex days, a purveyor of tempting off spin, a doughty, utterly imperturbable batsman, a fine slip fielder and an imaginative leader who was always looking to make a game of it. He retired eight years ago to take up a job as director of coaching and cricket at the self-financed Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation.

Barclay has no preconceptions about his team, either. His initial assessments, based on a net or two at Lilleshall and a week of training in Malaga, were typically enthusiastic. Jason Gallian: "He's an Australian apparently. But he doesn't seem very Australian. He's rather fun. I enjoyed him." David Hemp: "Left-hander. Upright batsman. Watches the ball — *Tchk* [sound of ball on bat] — whacks its over square leg pretty effectively." Keith Piper: "He's got talent." Ian Salisbury: "Interesting. He's special. Seems as though he's been around a bit, but he's still quite young." Richard Stemp: "Spins it, aggressive, energetic, just what you want." All unreservedly good chaps, in fact.

But when Stemp lets his aggression run away with him on a hot, dusty, frustrating, afternoon in Jaipur and stops being a good chap, what then? Instinctively, Barclay takes the players' view.

"It is very difficult," he said. "You are imploring your team to put heart and soul into it, so it's unrealistic not to expect some minor scare, however unattractive it might be. I don't see myself as a disciplinarian. I want to put a player right because I want him to play for England; to work with the players and the officials, not against them. How would I handle an awkward situation? I don't really know. We'll have to see when it comes up."

And so will the Test and County Cricket Board, which was impressed enough by Barclay's handling of the England Under-19 tour to Sri Lanka last winter to promote him this time, tempting him away from his wife and two children.

Barclay's style of leadership will be very different from that of the traditional blazer-and-tie manager. It will be difficult to keep him away from the nets, for a start. He likes joining in. "I give the team a lot of confidence when I bowl," he said. "But I honestly don't see my job as wandering round in a suit. I don't want to step on the toes of Phil Neale, our team manager, but I played a bit so it would be a waste not to get involved on the cricketing side. If they had wanted to select an out-and-out administrator, they could have chosen a million people ahead of me."



Barclay: great enthusiast

The A tour is a "tester", to use Barclay's word; two months of extreme emotion which will leave some a step closer to full Test status, others a step further away and all with a better understanding that the cricket is only a small part of touring India. The itinerary includes three five-day internationals aginst India A and culminates in five one-day internationals, two of these in Bangladesh. Winning, in Barclay's eyes, is not everything.

"I want to keep an open mind about the results," he said. "Yes, you can look at how many wickets people get and how many runs they make. But you also have to look at the potential, at how many they could get. That's the hard part." Just as long as the supplies of tea and scrambled eggs hold out.

McMillan exploits home pitch to seize advantage

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN McMILLAN, the South Africa seam bowler, took four wickets as New Zealand struggled to 211 for six on the opening day of the third Test match at Newlands, Cape Town, yesterday.

McMillan, playing on his home ground, gained considerable lift and movement after rain had delayed the start, and ended with four for 39 from 19 aggressive overs after New Zealand won the toss and decided to bat.

New Zealand's troubles began in the second over after lunch, when they lost two wickets. McMillan had Darrin Murray caught at short leg by Gary Kirsten for five and Adam Parore was run out after a misunderstanding with Bryan Young.

Martin Crowe (18) was caught behind off Steven Jack. McMillan dismissed Young leg-before for a gutsy 45 and then bowled Shane Thomson for a third-ball duck to reduce New Zealand to 96 for five.

Only a dogged partnership of 83 for the sixth wicket between Ken Rutherford and Stephen Fleming held up South Africa. Rutherford fell to a sucker punch when Kirsten dropped a little deeper at square leg and McMillan lured him into the pull shot that had twice cost him his wicket in the second Test, at Durban.

New Zealand's hopes now lie with Stephen Fleming, who played his best innings of the tour to finish on 58 not out.

Before the start of play, Western Province Cricket Club (WPCC) was reprimanded after rain had made its nets unusable for practice on Sunday. Ali Bacher, the managing director, of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said: "The WPCC agreed that it was unacceptable that the nets were not covered and have now given the assurance that there will be covers for the nets in the future."

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B A Young lbw b McMillan	45
D J Murray c Kirsten b McMillan	5
†A C Parore run out	2
M D Crowe c Richardson b Jack	18
*K R Rutherford c Kirsten b McMillan	56
S A Thomson b McMillan	0
S P Fleming not out	58
M N Hart not out	6
Extras (lb 12, nb 7)	19
Total (6 wkts)	211

S P Doull, D K Morrison and C Pringle to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-19, 3-61, 4-93, 5-95, 6-179

BOWLING: de Villiers 23-6-70-0, Jack 17-7-41-1, McMillan 19-4-39-4, Cronje 5-3-8-0; Eksteen 24-10-34-0; Kirsten 2-0-7-0

SOUTH AFRICA: G Kirsten, P J R Steyn, J B Commins, *W J Cronje, D J Cullinan, J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, †D J Richardson, S D Jack, C E Eksteen, P S de Villiers.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ORIENTAL CREDIT LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 106 of the Companies Act 1985, that meetings of the Members and Creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Touche Ross & Co, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS on Monday 23 January at 10.00 am. A form of General Proxy is enclosed. Proxies must be lodged at Touche Ross & Co, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS no later than 12 noon on 20 January 1995. S A SHOUHA and A R HOUGHTON Joint Liquidators.

Disappearing Earth Plc Registered number: 2834423. Trading name: Evolve Nature of business: WHOLESALE OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING. Trade classification: 13 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 7th December 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank PLC. J.J. Schapira, ACA and P.Mostyn, FCA, Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos: 6784 and 2244) of Leonard Curtis & Co Po Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF.

Metafreight Warehousing Limited (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K.D. Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 22nd December 1994. DATED THIS 22nd December 1994. K.D. Goodman, FCA Liquidator.

Boleyn Car Sales Limited NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 13th January 1995 at 11.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 22nd December 1994. Trevor S Pears - Director.

CARTHUSIAN COURT LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1766973 PAPENANS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 1596044 SPIRE HOMES LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 792082 STUNTERLAND (SOUTH AND WEST) LIMITED - COMPANY NO: 354202 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith at KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 750, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 3 February 1995, which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned. Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full. Dated: 19 December 1994 R Smith - Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 6844 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF GANDER HOLDINGS PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 20 December 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £4,116,457.80 to £3,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22 December 1994. DATED this day of 1994. Stringer East of Marcol House, 295 Regent Street, London W1R 7PD Solicitors for the above Company.

Lloyd's Parking Warehouses Limited NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 12th January 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above named company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 22nd December 1994. P.C. Blackmore - Director.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CASE NO: 007841 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE SERVICES LIMITED -and- IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 24th November 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £18,000,000 to £2,100,000 by cancelling £15,000,000 Deferred Shares of 95p each. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 11th day of January 1995. ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. DATED this 15th day of December 1994 Sebastian Coleman & Co. of St Bartholomew House, 92 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DH London Agents for Messrs. Wragge & Co. 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2AS, Solicitors for the above named Company

JOHNSON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 20 December 1994 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and M Fishman, of PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the Members. The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to M Fishman, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 20 February 1995. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 20 March 1995 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 20 February 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full. M. FISHMAN - Liquidator. Date 22/12/94.

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CONTRACTS & TENDERS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Secretary of State for the Environment invites expressions of interest from parties wishing to tender for the management of the business of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, in a market test to be conducted in 1995.

Located opposite Westminster Abbey, the Centre was opened in 1986 to provide secure facilities for national and international conferences up to the highest level. It has been managed as an Executive Agency of the Department of the Environment since 1989.

Following a recent review, the Secretary of State has decided to test whether the market could provide alternative management of the Centre's business offering better value for money. Bids will therefore be invited during 1995 for a contract to run this business.

The Secretary of State will be prepared to consider imaginative proposals for meeting two key objectives:

- to manage secure conference facilities; and
- to market the Centre commercially for both Government and private sector use.

Those wishing to participate in the competition are invited to obtain further information and a questionnaire about the nature of their interest by 16th January 1995 from Peter Barnes-Austin, Agency Sponsorship and Planning Unit, Department of the Environment, Room 6/72, St Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TE. Tel: 071-921 4558 or Fax: 071-921 3873.

Injury causes concern for Prean

BY RICHARD EATON

CARL PREAN'S thigh injury, which kept him out of the England v China table tennis match last night at Mansfield, is likely to damage his chances of winning a number of forthcoming competitions.

The Germany-based former national champion may miss the English Open that starts on Thursday at the Thornaby Pavilion, and he is also doubtful for the European Nations' Cup match in Karlsruhe in ten days' time, at which England had been hoping to win a medal. Prean is seeded eighth for the Open and a good draw would have given him a chance of substantial progress in the best tournament in Europe this season.

"It is disappointing because the English Open is a chance for Carl to make amends for a not very good first half to the season for him," Donald Parker, the England national coach, said.

Prean's singles' place in a full-strength England team may be at risk from Alan Cooke, the in-form Commonwealth silver medal-winner. Despite problems with his thigh and back, Cooke earned his fourth victory in four matches when he beat Xiong Ke, the left-hander, in straight games at Grantham on Sunday, although it was too late to prevent England slipping to a disappointing 3-2 defeat. Xiong had earlier accounted for Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, 21-15, 21-13, to give the visitors a winning 3-0 lead. The result put China 2½-1½ ahead on the tour, leaving England needing to win the last two matches to take the six-match series.

Bradley Billington, the former English under-21 champion, also won at Grantham, against Li Jing, the runner-up in the Chinese national championships. Billington was one of two replacements called up instead of Prean for the match last night; the other was Matthew Syed. Each substitute was due to play once, in place of Prean.

Wilander's rallying effort proves in vain

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MATS WILANDER, the former world No 1, staged a dramatic recovery but could not save Sweden from defeat in the Hopman Cup mixed team tennis tournament in Perth yesterday.

Andrei Medvedev, of Ukraine, appeared to have settled the issue, with his country already 1-0 up after the women's singles, when he led his former idol by a set and 2-0 in the men's rubber.

Wilander seemed to have accepted the inevitable and looked as surprised as onlookers when his opponent allowed him ten of the next 12 games to trail 4-0 in the final set.

Wilander duly kept his nerve for an unlikely 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory against a player ranked 111 places above his present position of 126, only for Swedish optimism to be deflated in the mixed doubles.

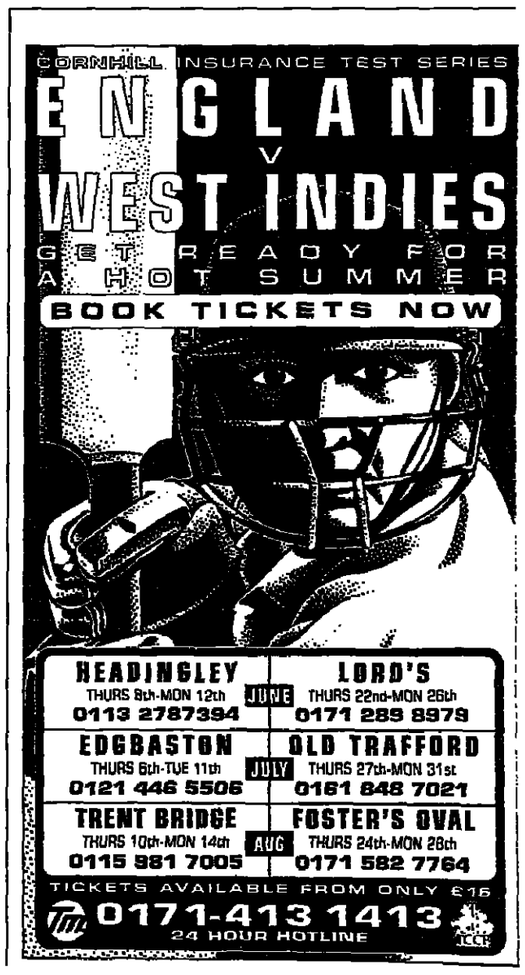
A still tentative Medvedev dropped his opening service game, but he and his sister, Natalia, combined better than the unfamiliar Swedish pairing of Wilander and Asa Carlsson to save face with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Medvedev owed much to his sister's fortitude for the win which earned the fifth seeds a quarter-final meeting against the United States today. Natalia suffered an attack of stomach cramps in the second set of her match with Carlsson, but hung on to win 6-7, 6-4, 7-5.

The quarter-final line-up was completed when Jean-Philippe Fleurian and Julie Halard, of France, narrowly beat Brenda Schultz and Tom Nijssen, of Holland, in the deciding mixed doubles to secure a tie against Spain, the third seeds, tomorrow.

France, seeded sixth, began badly when Halard was drubbed 6-0, 6-3 in 52 minutes by the powerful Schultz, before Fleurian levelled the score with a workmanlike 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 win over Nijssen, a doubles specialist.

However, Fleurian was inspired in the final rubber, covering vast areas of the court as he and Halard fought back from a set down to win a final set tie-break 7-4 and complete a 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory. ☐ Stefan Edberg, Wilander's compatriot, struggled to overcome a spirited challenge by Ronald Agenor, of Haiti, in the first round of the Qatar Open yesterday. Edberg, the holder, who won 6-2, 7-6, was playing his first competitive match since splitting with Tony Pickard, his coach.



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Master Oats cut to 8-1 for Gold Cup

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

MASTER OATS, impressive winner of the Coral Welsh National on Saturday, was the subject of a substantial ante-post gamble yesterday for the Cheltenham Gold Cup and is now as low as 8-1 second-favourite for the festival showpiece.

Kim Bailey's mud-loving nine-year-old was installed as the favourite for the Martell Grand National after his runaway success at Newbury but had been generally available at 16-1 for the Gold Cup after the Upper Lambourn trainer stressed that the ground at Cheltenham would have to be soft for Master Oats to run.

However, the warning did not prevent punters getting stuck in yesterday. Corals cut their odds to 10-1 while William Hill went 8-1. David Hood of William Hill said: "We were very impressed by the way he won on Saturday. I thought we had it about right when we shortened him from 25-1 to 10-1 but the punters are still hungry and we have laid so much of the 10-1 we have now gone 8-1."

The bookmakers now bet 11-2 Barton Bank, 8-1 Jodami, Monsieur Le Cure, Master Oats, 12-1 Merry Gale, One Man, 14-1 Dubacilla, Raymylette.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BATTLESHIP BRUCE
(2.15 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Awesome Power
(2.45 Lingfield Park)



TIM CUFF

Runners and riders take the first flight in brilliant sunshine at Exeter, one of only two meetings to survive the frost yesterday

While Master Oats's next race is expected to be the Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock on February 25, John Edwards, trainer of Monsieur Le Cure, said yesterday his King George VI Chase runner-up would probably be aimed for the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on January 21, when the opposition is likely to include the 1993 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Jodami.

"Monsieur Le Cure seems absolutely fine and he has come out of the Kempton race very well. He's in very good form and improving all the time," Edwards said at Exeter yesterday.

After the early-morning abandonment of racing at Ayr, Cheltenham and Windsor, the only turf fixture to survive was at the west country track.

Brave Tornado gave favourite backers an early success when obliging at 7-2 on in the Thurlestone Hotel Juvenile Hurdle, although Toby Balding's hot favourite looked anything but a winner until turning for home.

Roosted along by Tony McCoy for much of the last mile, he responded to the pressure and with the front-running Cadougold making a bad mistake two flights from home, he eventually won cosily without looking Triumph Hurdle material.

Philip Hobbs is enjoying his most successful season and the victory of the well-backed Greenhil Tare Away, the 2-1 joint-favourite, in the David Garrett Memorial Gold Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase took his tally to 54, only ten behind a career-best total, achieved last season.

"We will have to step him up in class now but he's improving all the time. I wish the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham was in 12 months' time but, if things go well, he may take his chance," Hobbs said.

☐ A race was re-opened at the five-day stage for the first time yesterday under new guidelines after only seven horses were entered for the £25,000 added Newton Chase at Haydock on Saturday. The entry deadline has been extended to 9.30 this morning.

Chicago make running as play-offs open with upset

By Robert Kirley

NOW that the wild-card games have been completed, the divisional champions of the National Football League, including the mighty San Francisco 49ers, the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers, will enter the play-offs leading to Super Bowl XXIX on January 29 in Miami.

On Sunday, the Chicago Bears and the Cleveland Browns advanced from the wild-card pool, which featured the next-best teams to the divisional winners. Chicago overcame two early turnovers and Steve Walsh completed two touchdown passes for a 35-18 upset win over the Minnesota Vikings. The Bears, considered the weakest wild-card team, will play away to San Francisco on Saturday.

Walsh threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Keith Jennings in the second quarter for a 14-3 lead and then hit Jeff Graham with a 21-yarder early in the fourth quarter to increase the Bears' advantage to 28-12. Chicago also scored on a one-yard run by Lewis Tillman and on an electrifying 29-yard run by Raymont Harris in the third quarter.

Finally, with the sluggish Vikings trailing by ten points and struggling in the final minutes, Kevin Miniefield, of Chicago, recovered a fumble by Amp Lee and raced 50 yards for a touchdown.

Minnesota had taken an early 3-0 lead on a 29-yard field goal by Fuad Reveiz and added a four-yard touchdown pass from Warren Moon to Cris Carter to trail 14-9 at half-time. For Moon, who was hampered by a knee injury, a year with a new team ended once again in post-season frustration. In his ten years with the Houston Oilers, Moon lost six of nine post-season games, including a humiliating 41-38 loss to Buffalo two years ago when the Oilers surrendered a 35-3 lead, the worst collapse in league history. "Sometimes you wonder what it's going to take," he said. "I've been to the play-offs eight years in a row and I fight my butt off every year."

Chicago did not seem likely winners when, on their first play, Lewis Tillman lost the ball at his own six-yard line. However, the Vikings incurred a holding penalty and had to settle for a field goal.

Three plays into the Bears' next series, a pass by Walsh glanced off a team-mate's helmet and into the hands of Anthony Parker, of the Vikings kings. Again, however, Minnesota failed to progress. Chicago took over on their own 20 and drove 80 yards to the touchdown that put them ahead for good. Having missed their chances, Minnesota faded away, eventually turning the ball over three times.

A steady defensive effort, combined with the inexperience of the New England quarterback, gave Cleveland a 20-13 win in their first play-off game for five years. The Browns intercepted Drew Bledsoe three times and earned the right to face Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Steelers defeated the Browns 17-10 and 17-7 during the season.

On Sunday, the Browns dominated after the first half ended 10-10. Vinny Testaverde, of Cleveland, passed for one touchdown and avoided the mistakes that ended the Patriots' seven-game winning sequence. He completed 20 of 30 passes for 268 yards and was not intercepted, after being intercepted 18 times during the regular season.

DETAILS

RESULTS: Wild-card play-offs: Saturday: Green Bay 16 Detroit 12, Miami 27 Kansas City 17. Sunday: Cleveland 20 New England 13, Chicago 35 Minnesota 18.

FIXTURES: Divisional play-offs: Saturday: Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Chicago at San Francisco. Sunday: Green Bay at Dallas; Miami at San Diego. Jan 15: AFC and NFC finals. Jan 29: Super Bowl XXIX (Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami).

"This was the biggest game of my career and next week will be bigger," Testaverde said. "I'm satisfied with the way I played and the way the team played. I just wanted to go out and have fun today. I didn't want to make any mistakes to hurt our team. I play better when I don't put pressure on myself, because when you do that you make mistakes."

Leroy Hoard's ten-yard scoring run late in the third quarter put Cleveland ahead and the Browns made two interceptions in the fourth quarter. For the sixth successive game, they did not allow a second-half touchdown.

The Green Bay Packers will play away to Dallas, the winners of the past two Super Bowls, and the Miami Dolphins will face the San Diego Chargers.

Dettori begins long journey with a flourish



Dettori: Southwell double

By Julian Muscat

IN BRILLIANT winter sunshine, Lanfranco Dettori made a winning start to the 1995 Flat season at Southwell's all-weather track yesterday. The champion jockey, fresh after a break from the saddle, delighted a crowd swelled by his presence with a 10-1 double through the victories of Shakiyr and Croft Pool.

After the Reg Hollinshead-trained Shakiyr had landed the East Midlands Electricity-Lincoln Maiden Stakes by a length from Uckerby Lad to open his account, Dettori served notice of his intentions, saying: "That's one down: just another 199 to go."

An hour later, Dettori was back in the winner's enclosure having brought the Jeremy Glover-trained Croft Pool with a well-timed challenge to beat Matthew David by half-a-length in the Camilla Handicap.

Dettori's presence at the Midlands venue was hardly necessary given the revised format for identifying the champion jockey in 1995. With prize-money earnings now paramount, the £6,663.90 collected by his mounts is unlikely to influence the coveted accolade's ultimate destination. Yet he clearly retains his hunger. "I've had five to six weeks off, I had a good holiday in Morocco and I feel great," said the bronzed pilot. However, he would not be drawn on the title changes, saying: "I've just come back to ride winners."

As much was endorsed by his agent, Matty Cowing, who has secured Dettori rides in every Flat race up to and including Friday. "They may have moved the goalposts in the way they will decide the championship, but that's not going to bother Frankie. He wants to win everything," Cowing said of his man. "He's dead keen; that's why he is here today. He'd love to beat last year's total of 233 winners but it will be very difficult. He was tired at the end of it but certainly not burned out."

Dettori, who starts his second season as John Gosden's retained jockey, will have to wait more than three months before the lucrative turf season gathers momentum. Although Barathea, on whom he won the Breeders' Cup Mile, has retired to stud, he can look forward to renewing his association with Balanchine, the filly who carried him to his first victory in a British classic.

The Oaks heroine suffered a serious bout of colic in July but is gradually progressing towards a return to the track. "It's a miracle she is still alive," Dettori said of the Godolphin-owned four-year-old. "She's in Dubai and doing light training now. It will be good to see her back."

Frost takes heavy toll of holiday meetings

THE first day's racing of the new year was badly hit by the weather as six meetings fell to frost. Of the eight fixtures scheduled for yesterday, only the National Hunt programme at Exeter and Southwell's all-weather card survived the latest cold snap.

Catterick, Leicester and Market Rasen were abandoned on Sunday, and Cheltenham, Windsor and Ayr followed yesterday. This afternoon's meeting at Edinburgh has also been called off because of frost.

The adverse weather carried a sting for would-be television viewers with Channel 4 planning to cover Cheltenham, for the first time, and Windsor. Cheltenham fell to an 8am inspection as the clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, pronounced the track unraceable. "We had a bad night and it was not getting any better," he said.

Windsor survived a 7.30am inspection but fell to a second took three hours later. "The frost was just not coming out of the ground," Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said. "We were promised four degrees above in the forecast but have had nothing like that."

Ayr was the first of the day's meetings to be called off. The clerk of the course, Sam Morshead, made the decision at a 6.45am inspection.

Twenty meetings have now been abandoned this season, but warmer weather is forecast for later in the week.

☐ Lord Relic is making a good recovery from surgery to repair the fractured pastern sustained during the Coral Welsh National at Newbury. Martin Pipe, his trainer, hopes the horse will eventually be able to continue racing.

☐ Mister Baileys is in a "critical" condition at the National Stud in Newmarket after showing symptoms of grass sickness. The 2,000 Guineas winner was to begin stallion duties next month.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Exeter

Going: heavy

1.00 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **Star Market** (Mr S Joynes, 13-2); 2. Ruy Faar (10-1); 3. Crazy Daisy (7-1). 4. Alpha (40-1). Punchbag 5-1 fav. 18 ran. Nr N Twiston-Davies. Tote £9.40; £3.10, £2.20, £1.80, £13.70. DF £73.60. Trio £190.20. CSF £64.70. Tricast £405.06.

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **Brave Tornado** (M P McCoy, 2-7 fav); 2. Mickle (11-1); 3. Castlerigg (9-1). 8 ran. Jt 12l. G Balding. Tote £1.40; £1.10, £1.90, £1.30. DF £4.20. CSF £4.68.

2.05 (2m 2f 110yd chs) 1. **Greenhil Tare Away** (Peter Hobbs, 2-1 fav); 2. Shenandoah (6-1); 3. Pips Beach (66-1). 9 ran. 10l. S P Hobbs. Tote £2.80; £1.10, £1.20, £5.90. DF £6.20. CSF £12.92.

2.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **Trving Again** (R Dunwoody, 8-15 fav); 2. Keep Me In Mind (8-1); 3. Saboohon (20-1). 7 ran. 12l. 11l. D Gandolfo. Tote £1.70; £1.30, £2.30. DF £4.10. CSF £6.28.

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **Sprung Saint** (G Upton, 6-1); 2. Pennymoor Prince (2-1 fav); 3. Fanny Flyer (16-1). 9 ran. 6l. M. Mrs C Hitchings. Tote £11.30; £2.60, £1.90, £2.50. DF £14.30. Trio: £34.60. CSF £23.55. Tricast £202.79.

3.40 (2m 2f chs) 1. **Court Raider** (Mr P Hobbs, 9-1); 2. Northern Saddler (4-6 fav); 3. It's After Time (16-1). 9 ran. 2l, 4l. R Alner. Tote £9.60; £1.70, £1.20, £2.20. DF £4.60. CSF £16.29. Tricast: £96.71.

4.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1. **Kandleigh Lad** (Mr J Culloty, 7-1); 2. Top Show (7-1); 3. Juliura (12-1). 14 ran. Indian Tracker 2-1 fav. 2½l, 3l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £9.40; £2.90, £2.00, £4.30. DF: £22.10. CSF: £55.28.
Placepot: £26.30. Quadpot: £5.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.00 (1m) 1. **Just Harry** (A Clark, 4-1); 2. Dimchombus (16-1); 3. Sandmoor Dennis (4-1). Queens Consul 7-2 fav. 9 ran. NR Wild Adventure. 2l, nk. M Ryan. Tote: £5.60; £1.90, £4.50. £1.30. DF: £30.90. Trio: £37.30. CSF: £55.83. Tricast: £248.09.

1.30 (7f) 1. **Super Benz** (G Carter, 10-11); 2. Dream Gamer (5-4 fav); 3. Bradwell (20-1). 14 ran. Sl, 1½l. F Durr-Morley. Tote: £8.20; £2.20, £1.50, £6.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £24.73.

2.00 (2m) 1. **Argyle Cavalier** (Oliver Casey, 15-8 fav); 2. Mac Mr (9-4); 3. Shadiz (9-2). 9 ran. 8l sl. M Johnston. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.95. Tricast: £15.70.

2.30 (1m 3f) 1. **Shakyr** (L Dettori, Evens fav); 2. Uckerby Lad (13-2); 3. Fojane (7-1). 9 ran. NR Legal Fiction. 1l, 8l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £3.20, £2.00. DF: £39.00. CSF: £28.98.

3.00 (1m) 1. **Durgams First** (G Parkin, 9-4 fav); 2. Lawbuster (11-2); 3. Rio's Curse (16-1). 13 ran. 4l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £2.00, £5.30. DF: £16.00. CSF: £15.58.

3.30 (6f) 1. **Croft Pool** (L Dettori, 9-2); 2. Matthew David (9-2); 3. Langtonian (5-1). Nineacres. 9-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Bella Parkes. 1½l, 2l. J Glover. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £9.00. Trio: £19.50. CSF: £24.06. Tricast: £96.09.
Placepot: £17.30. Quadpot: £7.40.

☐ Yesterday's meetings at Ayr, Cheltenham and Windsor were called off because of frost.

☐ Two former Gold Cup winners, Cool Ground and Garrison Savannah, and the useful Dubacilla, are among an 18-strong entry for the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Chase (3m 5f) at Sandown on Saturday.

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1.15 RAWYA (nap) — 2.45 Awesome Power
1.45 Arc Bright — 3.15 Hawaii Storm
3.45 Beautete

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 BEAUTETE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.15 South Eastern Fred. 2.15 BATTLESHIP BRUCE (nap). 3.15 Buddy's Friend.

GOING: STANDARD — DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

12.45 TENNYSON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,981: 5f) (8 runners)

101 (1) 0050- BLACK SHADOW 7 (F Yeoman) P McBride 8-12 ... N Varley (5) 75
102 (5) 080- VIBRO 14 (D Brown) J Bowen 8-11 ... T Ives –
103 (3) 510351- BAILEYS SUNSET 17 (D,F) (G Balding) M Johnston 8-9 ... T Williams 97
104 (4) 000386- CURIE EXPRESS 7 (B,D,F) (E Dunlop) J Berry 8-8 ... G Carter 88
105 (6) 050000- PRINCE RUDOLF 8 (B,CD,G,S) (J Gosden) N Littmoden 8-8 ... M Fenton 90
106 (8) 000- MORE BILLS 57 (B+) (A Moore) A Moore 8-8 ... Candy Morris 76
107 (2) 604010- LADY PUI 8 (B,CD,G,S) (T Mullen) J Berry 7-13 ... G Bardwell 94
108 (7) 030451- ABBEY HOUSE 3 (B,CD,G) (P Davies) P Cole 7-10 ... D Wright (3) 88

BETTING: 9-4 Lady Pui, 5-2 Abbey House, 7-1 Baileys Sunset, 8-1 Curie Express, 10-1 others.

1994 NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

BLACK SHADOW about 5l 5th of 11 to Shot The Sheriff in maiden here (4f, 6l). on penultimate start VIBRO about 8½l 6th to Petite Paisley in maiden at Ripon (5f, good) on unfavourable start. BAILEYS SUNSET about 4½l 5th of 9 to Dropdee Brow in nursery over course and distance (1m) on penultimate start. CURIE EXPRESS about 4l 4th to Kombucky in seller at Wolverhampton (4f, 4f).

PRINCE RUDOLF 2½l last of 7 to Master Millfield in nursery at Nottingham (AW, 6f). LADY PUI beat Bon Sense 1½l in claimer over course and distance (4f) on penultimate start. with BAILEYS SUNSET 10l behind 4th and ABBEY HOUSE 21½l behind 5th in claimer over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. CURIE EXPRESS about 4l 4th to Kombucky in seller at Wolverhampton (4f, 4f).

Selection: LADY PUI

1.15 DAILY STAR AWT 1M 2F CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier. Div I: £3,741: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

201 (8) 143030- VIEW FROM ABOVE 19 (CD,F,G) (P Cole) M Albert 3-9-10 ... N Adams 89
202 (5) 066000- SURPRISE GUEST 75 (CD,F,G,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 3-9-6 ... T Williams 90
203 (3) 210011- QUR EDDIE 14 (V,CD,G) (S Dow) S Dow 3-9-6 ... T Ives 96
204 (7) 110002- RAWYA 61 (G) (H Al-Zarooni) S Woods 3-9-1 ... J Weaver 94
205 (4) 020002- TORDRES 55 (Hamilton Pic, A Graham 4-9-1 ... W Woods 96
206 (1) 340011- SOUTH EASTERN FRED 14 (CD,F,G) (J Gosden) N Littmoden 4-8-12 ... M Fenton 92
207 (6) 033000- CANARY FALCON 75 (Mrs A Boyd) S Dow 3-8-12 ... Stephen Davies 94
208 (2) 00-0090- WAHEM 158 (F) (C Spares) C Brittain 4-8-7 ... B Doyle –

Long handicap: Aurem 7-5

BETTING: 3-1 Rawya, 4-1 South Eastern Fred, 7-1 Our Eddie, 8-1 Surprise Guest, 10-1 View From Above, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

VIEW FROM ABOVE 3½l 5th of 14 to Jenotto's Wine in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). Previously 3rd of 6 to Chemamman in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f 115yd, firm). SURPRISE GUEST beat all-weather run 15½l 2nd of 5 to Prince Ludwig in handicap over course and distance (AW) March 1994. OUR EDDIE beat Candyquine 2½l in amateurs' handicap at over course and distance (AW).

RAWYA 2½l 2nd of 15 to Fiscari in handicap here (1m, soft) with SOUTH EASTERN FRED (5lb better on) 3rd of 6 to Chemamman in handicap at Warwick (1m 3f 115yd, firm). TORDRES beat 2nd of 19 to Lady Lucille in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 3f, heavy). SOUTH EASTERN FRED beat Awesome Power 2½l in handicap over course and distance (AW) with OUR EDDIE (5lb better on) 3rd. 4m here.

Selection: SOUTH EASTERN FRED (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-6432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J — jumps. F — flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 WORDSWORTH LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,802: 1m) (9 runners)

401 (7) 000111- BATTLESHIP BRUCE 3 (CD,G,S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 9-0 ... L Dettori 96
402 (4) 601460- JEWTHORN BISHOP 129 (T Thorn) J Bridger 9-0 ... T Williams 82
403 (6) 0066- PERSIAN CONQUEST 20 (Mrs A Cappuccini) R Ingram 9-0 ... W Woods 92
404 (9) 50300- RED SPECTACLE 38 (D Morgan) P Haslam 9-0 ... J Weaver 76
405 (5) 124650- GO LIKECRAZY 92 (G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-9 ... C Scally (7) 84
406 (8) 2035- MAZILLA 42 (Flying Fullas) W Haggas 8-9 ... B Russell (5) 98
407 (3) 860401- POLY ROAD 19 (D,G) (Sheet & Roll Converters Ltd) M Channon 8-9 ... D Harrison 88
408 (1) 034041- TARA COLLEEN 27 (C,G) (Fmory Bloodstock Company Ltd) C Horgan 8-9 ... A Clark 93
409 (2) 000030- WATER BEBE 20 (F) (G Bravery) G Bravery 8-9 ... T Ives 86

BETTING: 4-5 Battleship Bruce, 4-1 Mazilla, 5-1 Tara Colleen, 8-1 Red Spectacle, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BATTLESHIP BRUCE beat Master Millfield 3½l in nursery over course and distance (AW). JEWTHORN BISHOP 9l(t 6th of 9 to Yasmi in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). PERSIAN CONQUEST about 4l 6th of 14 to Iron Man in claimer here (AW, 7f) with WATER BEBE (2lt better off) about 17l 14th. MAZILLA about 5½l 5th of 15 to Mister Fire Eyes in nursery at Southwell (AW, 7f). POLY ROAD beat Norman Prince 2½l in seller at Southwell (AW, 1m). TARA COLLEEN beat Keeper's Grey 1¼l in auction maiden here (AW, 7f). WATER BEBE 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Casper's Rock in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start.

Selection: BATTLESHIP BRUCE

2.45 DAILY STAR AWT 1M 2F CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier. Div I: £3,741: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

501 (4) 0'11230- HERR TRIGGER 292 (B,C,G) (The Inn Crowd) J Scargill 4-9-10 ... R Cochrane 86
502 (3) 463626- MULCIBER 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Treasure) G Harwood 7-9-9 ... A Clark 87
503 (2) 000600- SHEPHERD MARKET 78 (F) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-9-5 ... G Carter 86
504 (6) 053322- AWESOME POWER 14 (CD,G) (G Fravne) J Hills 9-9-7 ... D Harrison 89
505 (7) 4-00416- GLOBAL DANCER 19 (C,G) (N Yeoman) W O'Gorman 4-9-7 Emma O'Gorman (3) 96
506 (5) 000408- BAG OF TRICKS 14 (E,D,G) (Eurostall Ltd) S Dow 5-9-5 ... S Sanders (5) 86
507 (1) 6/04000- BIRCHQUEST 67 (J Elliott) A Bess 4-8-13 ... L Dettori 94
508 (8) 006030- KNIGHTRIDER 33 (B,F) (P De Weck) C James 4-8-2 ... G Bardwell 90

BETTING: 7-4 Awesome Power, 7-2 Herr Trigger, 5-1 Mulciber, 7-1 Shepherd Market, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HERR TRIGGER short-head and 2½l 3rd of 6 to Persian Tiger in handicap here (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. MULCIBER about 8l 6th of 12 to Our Eddie in amateurs' handicap over course and distance (AW). AWESOME POWER 2½l 2nd of 14 to South Eastern Fred in handicap over course and distance (4f) with BAG OF TRICKS (3lb better off) 10¼l 6th. GLOBAL DANCER beat Marcswalk 4l in handicap here (AW, 1m 5f) on penultimate start. BIRCHQUEST 15l 13th of 27 to Broughton Singer in apprentices handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good). KNIGHTRIDER 3½l 3rd of 15 to Soaking in claimer here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start.

Selection: AWESOME POWER

3.15 COLERIDGE HANDICAP (£3,674: 1m) (12 runners)

601 (6) 060244- FRIENDLY BRAVE 17 (B,S) (T Mills) T Mills 5-9-11 ... J Weaver 89
602 (2) 600012- SWEET SUPPOSIN 14 (CD,G) (Mount Juliet) K McAuliffe 4-9-10 ... R Cochrane 93
603 (12) 1-506- PEARLY RIVER 14 (C,G) (Manor Farm Packers Ltd) J Scargill 4-9-2 ... L Dettori 88
604 (5) 041020- BUDDY'S FRIEND 27 (CD,F,G) (C Popin) R Williams 7-9-1 Sarah Thompson (7) 88
605 (11) 033210- HAWAII STORM 17 (CD,G,S) (Miss A Whitfield) 7-8-10 ... R Painter (5) 92
606 (8) 520422- RAD 20 (G) (S Woods) S Woods 5-8-9 ... W Woods 96
607 (7) 651150- LEVEL EDGE 33 (C,D,G,S) (B Coulthard) M Johnston 4-8-4 ... T Williams 90
608 (4) 035901- KRAYYAN DAWN 14 (C,G) (R Gretorex) R Akehurst 5-8-1 ... J Quinn 89
609 (1) 660020- HATTA SUNSHINE 20 (C,G) (R Kerrigan) A Moore 5-8-1 ... A Whelan (5) 95
610 (9) 350443- EASTLEIGH 17 (CD,G,S) (J Bagg) R Hollinshead 6-8-0 ... A Garth (5) 91
611 (10) 000005- BRECKLAND 55 (Danebury Racing Ltd) N Cunningham-Brown 5-7-12. G Bardwell 86
612 (3) 001002- KINNEGAD KID 7 (G,S) (J Wilson) R Ingram 6-7-7 ... D Wright (3) 84

BETTING: 5-1 Sweet Supposin, 9-1 Krayyan Dawn, 7-1 Buddy's Friend, 8-1 Pearly River, Eastleigh, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SWEET SUPPOSIN beat Alshiryn 1¼l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start with BUDDY'S FRIEND (12lb better off) 5¼l 6th. HAWAII STORM beat Mazhan neck in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start with EASTLEIGH (6lb better off) 7l 4th. RAD 1l 2nd of 15 to Mad Welcome in handicap here (AW, 7f). KRAYYAN DAWN beat Europharm Lassie 1¼l in 12-runner handicap here (AW, 7f). HATTA SUNSHINE 3½l 2nd of 13 to South Eastern Fred in raced stakes here (AW, 1m 5f). EASTLEIGH 5½l 3rd of 11 to Secret Ally in handicap here (AW, 7f) with FRIENDLY BRAVE neck 4th, KINNEGAD KID 2½l 2nd of 12 to Tilly Owl in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f).

Selection: SWEET SUPPOSIN

3.45 SHAKESPEARE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,053. 1m 5f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 510006- SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 36 (E,CD,F,G) (Mrs H Chaplin) S Dow 5-11-7 T McCarthy 85
2 (2) 352831- BEAUTETE 3 (CD,F,G) (D Chapman) S Dow 4-11-4 (5ex) ... T Cuff (5) 85
3 (11) 628254- STRAT'S LEGACY 17 (CD,F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-10-12 ... Mrs D Arbuthnot 84
4 (7) 002353- CAPTAIN MARMALADE 14 (C,G) D Thom 6-10-9 ... Miss Dipsi Jones 89
5 (9) 306- KADRI 67 (J Bosley) J Bosley 5-10-5 ... Mrs S Bosley (4) –
6 (4) 600028- KENYATTA 17 (CD,G) (A Moore) A Moore 6-9-10 ... Miss J Moore (7) 86
7 (5) 548100- GONE LANE 20 (CD,F,G) (P Cubley Ltd) B Cubley 9-9-5 ... Mrs M Bosley (4) 84
8 (6) 000080- SWEET CAROLINE 180 (Mrs C Gingerell) Pat Mitchell 4-9-1 ... Miss A Harwood 84
9 (10) 504560- PERSIAN BUD 8 (G) (J Bosley) J Bosley 7-9-1 ... Mrs L Barrett (7) 87

BETTING: 5-2 Beautete, 7-2 Captain Marmalade, 4-1 Strat's Legacy, 6-1 Sir Thomas Beecham, 7-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 12l 7th of 15 to Eu Man Hwa in handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. BEAUTETE beat March Magnifico 7¼l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (AW). STRAT'S LEGACY 4¾l 4th of 13 to Skilled in amateurs handicap here (AW, 2m) with KENYATTA (1lb worse off) 4l 6th. CAPTAIN MARMALADE 3¼l 3rd of 14 to South Eastern Fred in handicap here (AW, 1m 2f). KADRI best effort last term when 10l 3rd of 14 to Kate Fisher in maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to yielding). KENYATTA 1¼l 2nd of 14 to Carlton Express in amateurs handicap here (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start with BEAUTETE (3lb worse off) 2l 3rd and STRAT'S LEGACY (4lb better off) head 5th.

Selection: SIR THOMAS BEECHAM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Rides	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Bravery	5	13	38.5	M L Dwyer	3	10	30.0
N Walker	4	13	30.8	L Dettori	44	152	28.9
J Berry	10	29	34.4	Emma O'Gorman	6	165	3.6
B Hills	14	61	23.0	J Weaver	28	100	28.0
K McAuliffe	3	14	21.4	Miss Diana Jones	3	15	20.0
M Johnston	35	155	21.0	R Painter	3	26	15.4

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	20	45	good	powder	fair	snow	-9	2/1
	(Pistes improving with new snow)							
AUSTRIA								
Igls	15	25	fair	varied	fair	cloud	-2	1/1
	(Cold temperatures preserving snow cover)							
Obergurgl	35	95	good	powder	good	sun	-10	2/1
	(Excellent piste skiing everywhere; very cold)							
Söll	10	45	good	powder	closed	cloud	0	2/1
	(Good skiing but worn patches on steeper sections)							
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	50	130	good	powder	good	snow	-12	2/1
	(Wonderful powder skiing; prospects superb)							
Les Arcs	45	150	good	powder	fair	cloud	-7	2/1
	(Superb skiing conditions; powder everywhere)							
Chamonix	30	280	good	powder	poor	snow	-6	2/1
	(Excellent skiing on open runs; avalanche danger high)							
Courchevel	55	140	good	powder	good	cloud	-9	2/1
	(Excellent snow and skiing; three valley links open soon)							
Flaine	60	170	good	powder	good	snow	-12	2/1
	(Superb snow conditions but still little open)							
Tignes	85	155	good	powder	good	sun	-14	2/1
	(Excellent skiing with deep powder snow on piste)							
Val d'Isère	50	160	good	powder	good	fair	-11	2/1
	(More snow; bitterly cold at altitude, -22°C)							
ITALY								
Cervinia	60	200	good	crust	good	cloud	-4	1/1
	(Pistes in excellent shape, windy at altitude)							
SWITZERLAND								
Verbier	75	175	good	powder	good	snow	-4	2/1
	(Good powder skiing everywhere; high avalanche risk)							
Wengen	30	60	good	powder	good	snow	-1	2/1
	(Wonderful powder snow at all levels; good skiing)							
Zermatt	20	180	good	varied	worn	wind	-2	2/1
	(Good skiing but very cold and windy)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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The selector with the highest total will win a trip to Paris for two to see the France v England match in 1996. Second prize is a trip for two to Murrayfield for the 1996 Calcutta Cup match between Scotland and England. Third prize is two tickets for the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham on May 6 as guests of Courage.

This is your chance to play the First XV game and join 20,000 readers who entered the main, season-long competition. If you did enter at the start of the season but would like to play in the competition covering the second half only, this is your chance. But the closing date for entries by telephone is tomorrow; by post it is Saturday.

THE GAME PLAN

The Times Courage First XV revolves around the players listed below, who represent the 20 clubs in the top two divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship. The object of the game is to select the 15 players who between them score the highest number of rated points during the nine remaining league matches this season (the first is on Saturday, the last on April 29).

HOW TO SCORE

To calculate your team's rated points multiply the actual number of points scored by each player on the field by the rating beside his name on the positional playing field below.

Each Wednesday after a Courage Clubs Championship Saturday, the actual scores of all the first and second division players in the competition will be published in *The Times* together with their weekly scores and cumulative rated scores for both the whole season and the second half of the season.

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TEAM SELECTION

Select one player from each of the 15 positions below. Enter their code number beside their positional number on the entry form — for example, if Jon Callard is your selected full back, enter 001 beside position 15 on the entry form.

You must pick players only for the positions under which they have been listed, even if you know they sometimes play in other positions.

A minimum of five of your selected XV must be players from second division clubs. You may select one kicker only (denoted by a K after his name). If you pick fewer than five second division players or more than one kicker, your entry will be invalid.

The skill lies in weighing up the merits of a lower-rated, frequent scorer against a high-rated player who is likely to score less often. You should also remember that some clubs operate a rota system, so not all players will play in every game. Towards the end of the season, with the World Cup looming, some senior players may be rested.

The list of players for the second half of the season shows some changes because of injuries and departures. The new players have a code number of more than 300 and in five positions (numbers 2, 4, 6, 7 and 13) no replacements have been picked.

These new players are eligible for the second-half competition only; selections for the first half and full season games are not affected.

The second half of the season kicks off on Saturday. Bath, the first division leaders, are away to their neighbours Bristol, whose stand-off, Mark Tainton (player No 102), has been in superb kicking form. That is reflected by his low rating of two, but still he amassed 246 rated points in the first half of the season. Meanwhile Harlequins will be hoping for a revival of fortunes against Sale.

It will be equally intriguing to see if Justin Nott can maintain his slender lead from the first half of the season over the other 20,000 people who entered the first half of the competition. The team selections submitted by all those entrants will remain valid for the competition covering the whole season, with their cumulative scores from the first nine games carried forward to January. Each contestant is still in with a chance of winning the star prize of £10,000, the second prize of a trip for two to South Africa to see England's three World Cup pool games in Durban, or one of ten third prizes of a fully installed BT Satellite system, two cases of Courage Directors Bitter and two four-hour VHS video tapes.

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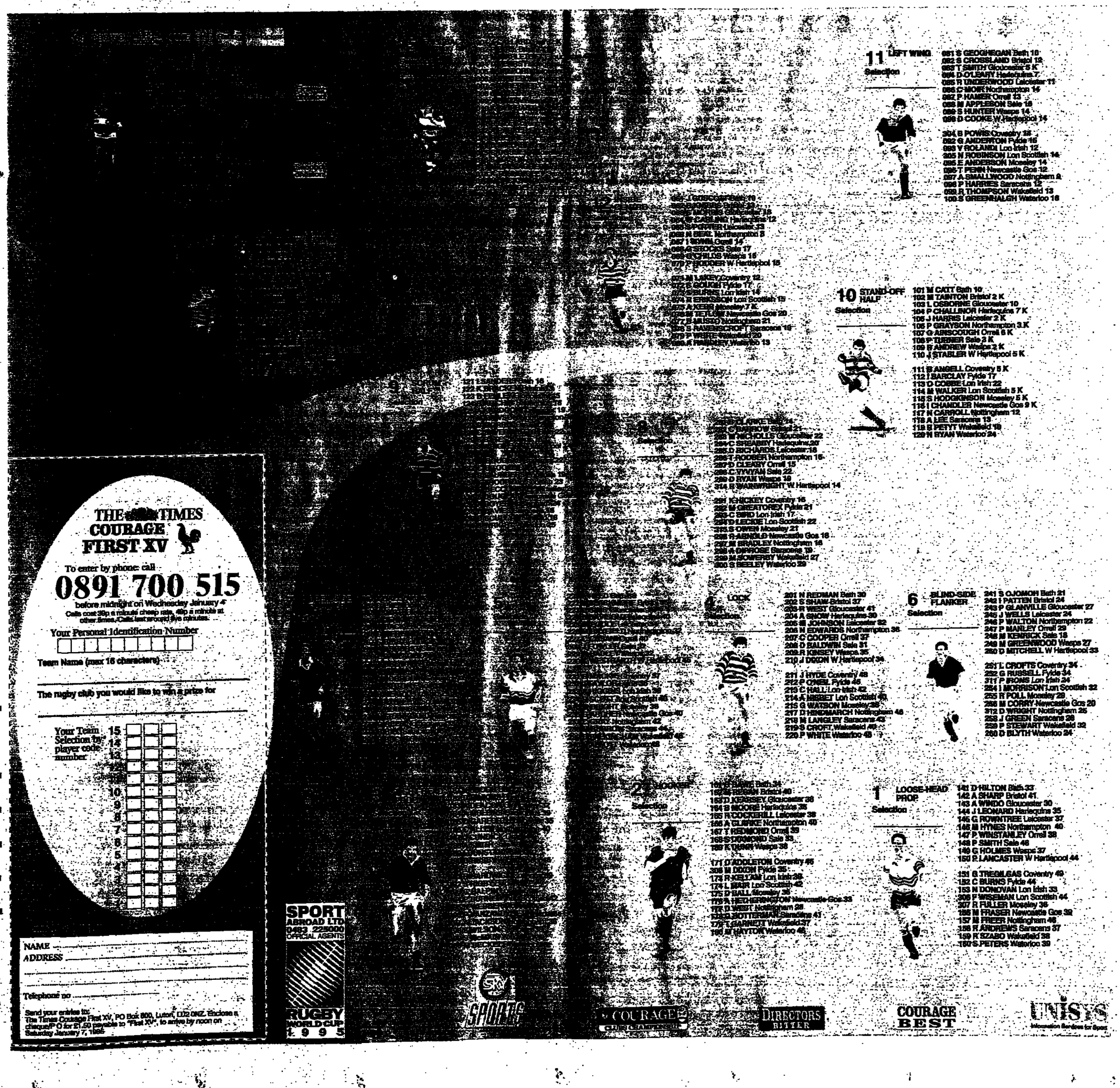
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Mark Tainton, the Bristol stand-off, has a low rating of two because of his prolific kicking

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Nudge, nudge, sue, sue

Claims of sexual harassment are on the increase.

Gillian Howard reports on the legal pitfalls



The trouble with a little hanky-panky in the office is that it can go very badly wrong

Picture the scene. It is the Christmas party season. One of your senior executives has been having an affair with his secretary for the past year. It happens all the time, and why not? He is a little surprised, though, when she sues him and the firm for sexual harassment, alleging that he asked her to do something that was "so dirty and disgusting, that she would not even contemplate doing it with her husband".

Don't think that this has not happened. It just has, to a senior partner in a leading City firm of solicitors.

The trouble with a little hanky-panky in the office is that it can go badly wrong — as this solicitor will find out when the case comes up in an industrial tribunal.

Take the case of Michael Tucker, a senior manager at the Trustee Savings Bank until a cleaner found him "having it away" with one of the female clerks in the training room on Christmas Eve. Well, that is what the cleaner alleged she saw when she burst into the training room at TSB's insurance headquarters. Although the Cardiff tribunal found their dismissals to be unfair because the company had not investigated the cleaner's claims very thoroughly, they lost both their jobs and their reputations.

Claims of sexual harassment are on the increase, according to the Equal Opportunities Commission. Since November 22 last year, there have been no limits on compensation in claims of sexual (or racial) discrimination. In such cases, the tribunals may make an additional award of compensation for distress and damage to injured feelings. It is likely that tribunals will now make significant and substantial awards.

In a sexual harassment case a couple of years ago, a Leeds tribunal awarded the maximum compensation possible against Elida Gibbs and David Laverick, the perpetrator of the sexual harassment. This was despite the fact that his victim remained in the company's employment. The tribunal made the award because of the humiliating way that she had been treated at the tribunal by the company and its legal representative.

Another problem with an affair in the office is that you are open to blackmail. Take the case of the managing director who gave his secretary, with whom he had been having an affair, an enormous pay rise, first-class travel to accompany him on business trips and as much time off as she wanted because she had a young family. She, however, wasn't satisfied and demanded a promotion with a company car, which she got. Imagine how surprised the MD was when male members of staff made equal claims for pay rises and for time off to be with their children.

And, of course, your little affair in the office may distract you from your job. Poor Jim Cassidy lost his. He was a successful buyer for a steel company until he started an affair with a colleague, described in the case heard at Reading as Miss M. To make matters worse he was engaged to Miss P, with whom he had bought a house. Neither the managing director nor Mr Cassidy's line manager approved of office liaisons, so they discouraged him from coming to the office. But still he spent so much time concentrating on Miss M that he neglected his job, and was dismissed.

A number of universities have adopted a code of conduct which sets out the rules for lecturers and students who become romantically involved. Promises of high grades and a look at the examination papers are not on. The lecturer may end up being dismissed and the student expelled.

Perhaps it is not surprising that affairs start at work. More than 50 per cent of couples meet there. However, when there is a possible conflict of interest and your employer begins to get worried about "pillow talk", one of you will have to go.

The employer will generally prefer to dismiss the woman. Well, the man is the breadwinner and his job is more important than a woman's. But woe betide any employer thinking that. As far back as 1981, the Court of Appeal held that such assumptions are based on sex-stereotyped views. Such thoughts are unlawful sex discrimination.

And finally, if your company decides to have an upmarket party in a local hotel and invites local dignitaries, it is not a good idea to bring along your girlfriend, particularly if she is the local town stripper.

One very well-known company had the embarrassment a few Christmases ago of the party ending with a punch-up on the dance floor with numerous drunken male managers involved and the stripper performing her act in the middle of the fray. What a wonderful story for the local paper.

● *The author, an employment lawyer, is an industrial relations consultant.*

Sex and The Sun: a happy legal new year

January
The success of Gillian Taylforth's book enables her to pay off the costs of her unsuccessful libel action against *The Sun*. *A New Approach to the Treatment of Pancreatitis* sets records for the sale of a medical book.

February
The Lord Chancellor alleviates legal aid lawyers' fears by announcing that he hopes to reduce the level of cuts in legal aid rates to no more than the rate of inflation.

March
Members of the Law Society vote that the president of the Law Society should be paid as a legal aid solicitor rather than the society's preferred option of a High Court judge. Undeterred, the society's "roadshows" get under way, asking solicitors how they value their officials. The response is that they are as popular as the Legal Aid Board.

April
The number of solicitors' firms being investigated for financial irregularities continues to increase. The Law Society's new quality standard insists that solicitors write to clients in advance to tell them that their money is to be stolen.

May
The signing of the publicist Max Clifford by Judge James Harkness sets a precedent. A judge complains at the lack of publicity generated by the Lord Chancellor's Department press office for his daughter passing her driving test. The Treasury uses the Special Contingency Reserve to hire Mr Clifford. His first "meet the press" session is not a success; Lady Mackay explains how to make porridge.

June
The level of sex-discrimination awards for pregnant servicewomen continues to rise. Million-pound payments become commonplace, and industrial tribunals adjust their procedures. The application forms are available from all National Lottery outlets and have a box to tick for no publicity. One award winner tells *Hello!*: "I knew that sex was a lottery but with sex discrimination you always have a winning ticket."

The Ministry of Defence announces that it has run out of money to pay awards, and in future winners will have to be paid in kind. Many a lucky winner is detected by a neighbour when a shiny new Challenger tank appears on the drive.

July
The Law Society stops collecting subscriptions from members, and offers a gold credit card to lawyers earning more than £25,000 per annum. A silver card is offered for those earning less. The profession waits to see if more detailed colour codings will be announced. Legal aid solicitors want something to match the Family Credit giros.

August
Nothing happens because all the lawyers are in Tuscany.

September
The president of the Law Society announces a campaign to detect solicitors with drink problems. A survey is conducted and finds that most solicitors contacting the Society are complaining that they cannot afford to drink as much as they want.



PATRICK STEVENS

The Lord Chancellor orders a review of the cost of judges' lodgings after it is revealed that it can cost more than £10,000 a week to keep a High Court judge. Reaction to the alternatives is mixed. Some judges like their draughty lodgings and the diet of Brown Windsor soup and Romanian claret. But one younger judge says: "Many would prefer to stay at a Travel Lodge and send for a Big Mac. The rooms are warmer and they can enjoy *Baywatch* without being reported to the Judicial Studies Board."

October
The Lord Chancellor is forced to act after *The Sun* publishes photographs of an unclothed judge and a *Sun* reporter, to whom he is alleged to have offered £50 for sex. The Lord Chancellor describes the fee as "daylight robbery", and the Legal Aid Board proposes competitive tendering to reduce prices.

November
Sales of *The Deacon Goldrein* [the firm which called in the receivers] *Guide to Managing a Solicitor's Practice* are said to be "sluggish".

December
Solicitors for the Professional Goalkeepers Association issue a writ against a building society for using the slogan: "The less you save, the more you earn."

● *The author is a practising solicitor.*

Consent no defence in nuisance

Wheeler and Another v J. J. Saunders Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Sir John May

[Judgment December 19]

Grants of planning permission to facilitate intensification of pig farming on a site already used for that purpose did not render the grantees immune from liability in nuisance to neighbouring landowners in respect of smells inevitably caused by implementation of those planning permissions.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the first and second defendants, J. J. Saunders Ltd and Kingdown Farm Ltd, from that part of the order made on July 24, 1992 by Judge Weeks, QC, sitting at Bristol as an additional judge of the Chancery Division, whereby he held them liable to the plaintiffs, Dr Graham Wheeler and Mrs Harriet Wheeler, in nuisance, granting damages and an injunction. In relation to another part of the judge's order the appeal was allowed.

Mr Gregory Stone, QC and Mr Charles Auld for the defendants; Mr Joseph Harper, QC and Mr David Phillips for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the argument for the defendants was that, since they had obtained planning permission for two pig weaning houses, any smell emanating from the pigs kept in them could not amount to a nuisance.

Surprisingly there appeared to have been no direct authority on the point until recently. There had, however, been cases dealing with the question whether statutory authority was a defence to a claim of nuisance.

In *Allen v Gulf Oil Refining Ltd* [1981] AC 1001, 1011) Lord Wilberforce had said: "It is now well settled that where Parliament by express direction or by necessary implication has authorised the construction and use of an undertaking or works, that carries with it an authority to do what is authorised with immunity from any action based on nuisance." He had added (at p 1014) that the immunity was confined to harm which was the inevitable result of what Parliament had authorised.

His Lordship did not consider that planning permission necessarily had the same effect as statutory authority. When *Allen v Gulf Oil Refining Ltd* had been before the Court of Appeal ([1980] QB 156) Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce had touched on the effect of planning permission on what would otherwise be a nuisance.

He had said (at p174): "[A] planning authority has no jurisdiction to authorise a nuisance save (if at all) in so far as it has statutory power to permit the change of the character of a neighbourhood..."

The problem had arisen directly in *Gillingham Council v Medway Dock Co* ([1993] QB 343). Mr Justice Buckley had there held that an alleged public nuisance was authorised by the grant of planning permission and so was not actionable. His reasoning had closely followed the dictum of Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce to which his Lordship had referred.

Mr Justice Buckley had concluded (at p361): "In short, where planning consent is given for a development or change of use, the question of nuisance will thereafter fall to be decided by reference to a neighbourhood with that development or use and not as it was previously." He had said (at p360): "...it is only a nuisance inevitably resulting from the authorised works on which immunity is conferred." His Lordship accepted what had been said by Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce.

To the extent that those two propositions featured in Mr Justice Buckley's judgment his Lordship agreed with the decision, but would not go any further than that.

It would be a misuse of language to describe what had happened in the instant case as a change in the character of a neighbourhood.

Unless one was prepared to accept that any planning decision authorised any nuisance which must inevitably flow from it, the argument that the nuisance had been authorised by planning permission in the instant case had to fail. His Lordship was not prepared to accept that.

There was no immunity from liability for nuisance in the instant case. His Lordship would dismiss the second part of the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, concurring in the result on the nuisance issue, said that prior to *Gillingham v Medway Dock Co* the general assumption appeared to have been that private rights to claim in nuisance were unaffected by the permissive grant of planning permission, the developer going ahead with the development at his own risk if his activities were to cause a nuisance.

The *Gillingham* case, if rightly decided, had called that assumption into question, at any rate in cases, like *Gillingham* itself, of a major development altering the character of a neighbourhood with wide consequential effects such as required a balancing of competing public and private interests before permission was granted.

His Lordship could well see that in such a case the public interest had to be allowed to prevail and that it would be inappropriate to grant an injunction. But he was not prepared to accept that the principle applied in the *Gillingham* case had to be taken to apply to every planning decision.

The court should be slow to acquiesce in the extinction of private rights without compensation as a result of administrative decisions which could not be appealed and were difficult to challenge.

If the test for the principle applied in the *Gillingham* case required that there be a change in the character of the neighbourhood, that was not satisfied in the instant case.

If the justification for the principle applied in the *Gillingham* case was that the local planning authority would already have balanced the relevant competing interests, that justification would not appear to apply.

The judge had been entitled to conclude that the planning consents did not prevent the plaintiffs succeeding in their claim in nuisance.

Sir John May delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Hawks & Scofield, Burnham-on-Sea; Treasury Solicitor.

Pleading rights of a third party

El Ajou v Dollar Land Holdings plc

Before Mr Justice Robert Walker

[Judgment December 6]

Tracing, in equity, depended not on the actual imposition of an equitable charge but on equity's capacity to impose such a charge; the charge was notional. There was no inflexible rule, that a defendant fundholder might, or might not, resist a plaintiff's claim to trace his own money into that fund by pleading the rights of a third party.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held, on a remission to the Chancery Division by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* January 3, 1994; [1994] 2 All ER 685) for the purpose of decision on quantum, of an action by the plaintiff, Mr Abdul Ghani El Ajou, against Dollar Holdings plc, based on the knowing receipt by that company of £2.325 million, part of the proceeds of a massive share fraud carried out in Amsterdam by three Canadians between November 1984 and November 1985, which it invested in the acquisition of a site in Battersea.

Mr Roger Ellis for the plaintiff; Mr Romie Tager for the company.

MR JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that further evidence before him given by Mr Van Apeldoorn, a member of the Amsterdam Bar, appointed by the Dutch court as trustee in bankruptcy of the Canadians' companies, had established, *inter alia*, that (a) their share-pushing operation was wholly fraudulent, worthless shares being sold to about 4,000 would-be investors, namely, to the plaintiff and the other 1985 victims; (b) so far as Mr Van Apeldoorn knew, the plaintiff's had been the only individual claim brought against the company, and (c) the plaintiff and he, on the other victims' behalf, had agreed that the proceeds of the present action should be divided 70:30 between the plaintiff and them.

Mr Ellis had submitted that in the light of the 70:30 agreement and the near certainty that no further individual claim would now be made by any of the other victims, there was nothing inequitable in the order he sought, for payment of the whole of the £2.325 million to the plaintiff.

Although one of many, he was the only victim whose lost assets had, to the tune of $6.673 million, been specifically traceable to that sum received by the company.

Mr Tager, submitting that it was open to any of the other 1985 victims similarly to trace their losses to identifiable "laundered money", argued that not the whole, but only a fraction, of that £2.325 million could belong in equity to the plaintiff, the balance belonging in equity to the other relevant victims.

The essential question was: had the plaintiff shown that his equitable right extended to the whole, or only to a part, of that fund? Tracing in equity was a complicated subject to which the courts' approach had been influenced by its particular context.

Early nineteenth century cases were very different from cases like *Barlow Clowes International Ltd v Vaughan* ([1992] 4 All ER 22) where all that remained, at the end, was the residue of the proceeds of fraud: in the latter kind of tracing, application of a "first in, first out" principle based on *Clayton's Case* ([1816] 1 Mer 572) might be neither practicable nor fair.

In *Sinclair v Brougham* ([1914] AC 398, 420-2, 441-2, 459-60) it was made clear that the basis of tracing into a mixed fund was the equitable charge: so tracing depended on the power of equity to charge a mixed fund with repayment of trust money, not upon any actual exercise of that power and the tracing claimant's position was not the same as that of a beneficiary of a properly constituted trust fund.

Indeed the Court of Appeal, in the *Barlow Clowes* case, had recognised that "first in, first out" was *prima facie* inappropriate, for victims of large scale fraud.

His Lordship concluded that even if every assumption were made in favour of other victims' capacity to trace, the facts were that the plaintiff had lost a net sum of over $5 million; over $6 million of his money was traceable into funds from which the £2.325 million had come; and it was almost inconceivable that any of the other victims would now try to mount an individual claim. The evidence indicated that, in practice, all their interests were being well looked after by Mr Van Apeldoorn.

Finally, whether it was possible for a *jus tertii* [the rights of a third party] to be raised by way of defence to a claim to trace must depend on the nature of the claim and the surrounding circumstances; there could be no rigid rule either way and here such a plea was inappropriate.

Accordingly, there would be an order that the company pay to the plaintiff the whole sum of £2.325 million, with interest from March 16, 1988, compounded with yearly rests.

Solicitors: Bower Cotton & Bower; Kaufman Kramer Shebson, Camden.

Temporary planning permission removes reason for existing use certificate

Bailey and Another v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment December 15]

An existing use certificate giving immunity from enforcement action in respect of the unlawful use of land that had begun before 1964 was not to be granted if temporary planning permission had at some time been granted for the established use.

The effect of such permission was to render that which had been unlawful lawful so as to bring to an end the use required by section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the grant of a certificate.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Alan Charles Bailey and Dorothy Mary Bailey, from the decision of Mr Gerald Moriarty, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on February 17, 1993, who had upheld the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment not to interfere with the refusal by Sedgemore District Council to grant an existing use certificate in respect of the use of land at East Huntspill, Somerset.

Section 191 of the 1990 Act provides that a use of land is established if "(a) it was begun before the beginning of 1964 without planning permission and has continued since the end of 1963..."

Section 192(1) enables a person having an interest in such land to apply to the local planning authority for an existing use certificate and by section 192(4) such a certificate shall "as respects any matter stated in it be conclusive for the purposes of an appeal to the secretary of state against an enforcement notice..."

Mr Jonathan Clay for the applicants; Mr David Elvin for the secretary of state; the council did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal raised a short point of planning law on which the applicants sought to have the decision of Mr Justice Bean in *Bolivian and General Tin Trust Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1972] 1 WLR 1481) overruled.

The use of the applicants' land for repairing and storing motor vehicles had been begun before the beginning of 1964 without planning permission and had continued ever since.

However, in 1987 temporary permission for that use for a period of two years was granted. A further application by the applicants to continue the temporary use was refused and an enforcement notice had been issued against them in June 1989.

The provisions in sections 191 and 192 of the 1990 Act gave to an established use of land an immunity from enforcement action under section 172 of the Act.

They did not, however, go further than that. The use remained in breach of planning control and was, as such, unlawful. So the established use of land referred to in section 191 was necessarily an unlawful one.

Immediately before the applicants were granted the temporary permission in 1987 their use of the land for repairing and storage was an established use within section 191(a). If the applicants, instead of applying for planning permission, had applied for an existing use certificate, the district council would have been bound to have granted it.

However, the effect of the planning permission was to render that which had been unlawful lawful and thus to bring the use referred to in section 191(a) to an end. In other words, the established use no longer continued. Section 191(a) ceased to apply and with it ceased the applicants' entitlement to the grant of an existing use certificate.

The deputy judge's decision following the *Bolivian Tin Trust* case was correct and should be affirmed.

Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Potts agreed.

Solicitors: Hawks & Scofield, Burnham-on-Sea; Treasury Solicitor.

Coastguard owes no duty to mariners

Skinner v Secretary of State for Transport

Before Judge Gareth Edwards, QC

[Judgment November 21]

The coastguard did not owe a duty of care to a mariner when exercising its ordinary functions of watching and listening and in its rescue coordination activities even in an emergency.

Judge Gareth Edwards, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated in a reserved judgment when dismissing an action for damages brought against the Secretary of State for Transport by Joel Samuel Skinner and Ilma Grace Webster, widow of David William Webster, in respect of alleged negligence by the coastguard at Milford Haven marine rescue substation at Haverfordwest in failing to respond to a distress signal issued on September 5, 1988 by the fishing vessel Inspire at the time it sank with Mr Skinner, Mr Webster, Mr Terence Jones and Mr Ronald Laugharne on board.

Mr John Hendy, QC and Miss Heather Williams for the plaintiffs; Mr Lionel Persey and Mr Michael Davey for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the statute governing the coastguard, the Coastguard Act 1925, was administrative and not directive and did not in terms place a statutory duty on the coastguard.

The exact duties could be gleaned from various parliamentary answers from 1983 onwards when the coastguard came under the auspices of the Department of Trade. It was now overseen by the Department of Transport. There was also a code of guidance for the coastguard issued in 1982.

When considering the question of the legal duty of care to mariners at sea, the correct approach was to look at the judgment of the House of Lords in *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] 2 AC 605) in which an incremental approach was expounded, such that the scope of the duty of care could be widened only by analogy.

There had been no successful action against the coastguard before, indeed no action at all, nor was there any other precedent of successful action against rescue services like the police or fire service: see *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] AC 53) and *Alexandreou v Oxford* ([1993] 4 All ER 328) in which it was held that there was no duty of care owed to a member of the public making a 999 call.

In those cases where a police officer had been found liable, the position was different because the officer had acted to cause the dangerous situation. Likewise *Dorset Yacht Co Ltd v Home Office* ([1970] AC 1004) fitted into that sequence of the ordinary liability of someone who created a danger and then negligently let it loose.

In his Lordship's judgment, there was therefore no support from those cases.

His Lordship considered whether a distinction could be made between a police officer and his duty to the public at large and the coastguard and its duty to mariners in their particular circumstances. He noted that while there were distinctions, those were not sufficient to make a difference in principle.

His Lordship considered that authorities based on findings against state bodies were not comparable with the present case because, although the coastguard had some statutory framework, it was not created by statute and its functions were not defined by statute.

In his Lordship's judgment the incremental approach led to a negative. One could not by analogy with the emergency services or statutory bodies establish a duty of care. The coastguard in the ordinary function of watching and listening and in its rescue coordinating activities did not owe a duty of care to mariners or members of the public even in an emergency.

His Lordship also addressed the public policy considerations raised in *Hill* and decided that those applied even more so to the coastguard. The effects of possible legal action, *inter alia*, would not lead to more caution but would lead to defensiveness and with resources taken up would lead to a diminution in the coastguard service. That would be contrary to public interest. His Lordship would therefore dismiss the action for public interest reasons aside from the reasons already outlined.

Solicitors: Deighton Guedalla; Treasury Solicitor.

Formulating claims

GMTC Tools and Equipment Ltd v Yuasa Warwick Machinery Ltd (formerly Warwick Machine Tools Ltd)

A judge was not entitled to require a party to establish causation and loss by a particular method.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Hoffmann) so held on November 24 allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs from the refusal by Mr Justice Potter, sitting as an official referee on December 11, 1992, of leave to re-amend the statement of claim.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said the plaintiffs should be able to formulate their claims for damages as they wished and not be forced into a straitjacket of the judge's or their opponents' choosing.

The judge had previously ordered the plaintiffs to relate each item of damage to a specified cause, although the plaintiffs' case was that the defendants were generally responsible for their losses.



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Young girl, get out of my mind: a new, all-singing version of Lolita is premiered in Stockholm

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VISUAL ART: Powerful installations by a Glaswegian in London; quirky and quaint multiple exposure in Glasgow

The naked and the undying

Douglas Gordon delves into the past for his flickering, poignant and unsettling video images. **Richard Cork** reports



"The filming has clearly been carried out for medical purposes, and the knowledge that the young man's torment is real only adds to the vicarious fascination"

Only a decade ago, the new art from Glasgow was dominated by big, hectoring canvases of square-jawed dossers, wild-eyed young men in tweedy suits and heroic Clydeside workers. The emerging names — Howson, Campbell and Currie — were all doughtily committed to figurative painting on the grandest possible scale. Nothing less would suffice.

Today, however, young Glaswegian artists are driven by very different concerns. Although pigment on canvas still plays a part, it is more likely to take an abstract form. And a whole host of alternative media, including video, photography, film, texts and ready-made objects, are deployed with zest. If anything, the spirit of community among these resourceful allies is even stronger than it was in the Glasgow of the early 1980s. But many of them are already accustomed to exhibiting abroad, and Douglas Gordon, one of the most internationally successful, is now submitting himself to the acid test of his first one-person show in London.

It turns out to be a strange, deeply unsettling event. The first room visitors find at the Lisson Gallery is divided, almost territorially, by the steel cable of a practice tightrope. Stretching in a taut diagonal across the space from one corner to another, this high-tension wire seems both expectant and inviting. It tempts everyone to have a go, despite the notice warning "Danger: do not touch."

Two white metal platforms at either end of the tightrope certainly make it easier for would-be performers to try their luck. But a large colour photograph on the wall offers a prospect of Niagara Falls, half-obscured by spray. It carries a reminder of the risks high-wire walking can involve, especially when the emptiness beneath the cable is deep enough to bring on an attack of vertigo.

A spare and rigorous artist, Gordon stops well short of presenting his tightrope work in nightmarish terms. But there is still a link between this matter-of-fact installation and the main exhibit in the next room. Here, propped with deceptive casualness against a black pole in the middle of the darkened space, leans a screen. It is as large as many of the hefty canvases painted by Gordon's Glaswegian seniors ten years ago, and shares their fascination with a male figure. But there the resemblance between the generations ends. For this screen is the focus of a video projection, and the jerky images flickering here clearly derive from a silent film produced long before Gordon was born.

No attempt has been made to hide the ragged, blotchy grain of the original film-stock. It reinforces the desolate mood conveyed, in the opening seconds, by the room where the action takes place. Apart from an iron-frame bed, redolent of a hospital or army barracks, the room is as empty and devoid of decoration as the gallery itself. But to start with, at least, a pair of naked legs occupies the centre of the screen. They move backwards, forwards and then stop. The camera reveals the whole figure, of a young man who looks sturdy and agile enough to have recovered from whatever ailment he once suffered. No sign of injury can be detected on his pale body.

Just as we are about to conclude that he is fit to leave, though, the man suddenly falls over. It happens so fast that the unseen camera operator is also caught off-guard. The figure falls partially out of sight, to the left. He is still lying there when the camera catches up with him. The man tries sitting up, only to fall back sharply on the floor. Then his head moves from side to side, as if to reassure him that he can still perform a simple feat. By this time, however, a horrible sense of paralysis afflicts this prone form. Well-muscled, he is nevertheless quite unable to make his limbs respond in a normal way.

But he does not lack determination. With an enormous, grating effort, he tries to prop himself up on an elbow. The attempt defeats him, and he flops down once more. Eventually, though, he manages to sit up, turn to one side and place both hands resolutely on the floor. Using all the strength his arms can muster, the figure now tries to get up. He nearly succeeds, several times, before crashing back in a humiliating display of helplessness. The film leaves him lying horizontally, his body still twitching with spasmodic, unconvincing attempts to raise head and limbs.

It is, on one level, a gruelling film to watch. Whatever distress I felt, though, was increasingly countered by a sense of absurdity. As the figure's movements become more manic, so he sheds some of his humanity and begins to resemble a dummy. Lacking the strings that might restore co-ordination, the puppet is reduced to a permanent state of oscillation between striving and collapse. He comes to seem merely frantic, a mannequin well-proportioned enough for a shop-window who has, inexplicably, spun out of control.

> The writhing, toppling figure seems doomed to an eternity of remembering, years after the war itself has finished

The filming has clearly been carried out for medical purposes, and the knowledge that the young man's torment is real only adds to the vicarious fascination. Gordon has edited and manipulated the footage for his own ends, doubtless heightening the patient's air of futility. He must want us to become engrossed in the utter mortification of the figure's strivings — and to feel guilty about the perverse satisfaction involved in watching the man's pathetic manoeuvres so closely.

The guilt is compounded by a gathering realisation that the falling man may be a victim of the First World War. In another part of the space, a monitor installed halfway up the wall relays a second, far briefer video. Doubtless derived from the same grim archive, it shows an endlessly replaying clip from a film of a hand trapped in the act of firing a gun. Its whiplash restlessness contrasts absolutely with the slower, mournful fumbling of the figure still visible on the large screen beyond. But they share a sense of being locked into repetitive rituals completely beyond their control.

In the case of the hand, the title Gordon has given the work identifies it as a traumatic legacy of war: *Trigger-Finger*. The victim, unable to shake off the memory of shootings, finds himself re-enacting them. Like a recurrent nightmare that poisons each fresh attempt to sleep, the moment of killing refuses to go away. It assails the man's consciousness as remorselessly as the trauma plaguing the figure who cannot keep upright. In his case, the incessant need to duck and dodge hostile fire, whether in the trenches or out on exposed land leading to the enemy's lines, might have led him to acquire a chronic urge to stay on the ground. However much he may wish to stand up, the pain of accumulated memories forces his legs to surrender their strength.

This refusal to forget has connections with the main work upstairs at the Lisson, *Kissing with Sodium Pentothal*. A series of black and white slides, projected on to a white wall, show moments from a performance using the so-called "truth drug". The embracing figures, printed in negative so that they are reduced to ghostly presences in a black room, all seem caught up in a relaxed, dance-like event.

But I felt excluded from whatever heightened emotions they were experiencing. Gordon does not involve the viewer in either their mental or physical sensations, and that is why the tumbling man downstairs impressed me far more powerfully. Oblivion, a state explored by Gordon's earlier text wall-paintings, gives way in this shadowy chamber to a stubborn refusal to let go of the past. The writhing, toppling figure seems doomed to an eternity of remembering, years after the war itself has finished. I have a suspicion that his uncontrollable body will, in turn, haunt my mind for a long time.

● *Douglas Gordon at the Lisson Gallery, 52 Bell Street, NW1 (071-724 2739) until Jan 21*

Oeuvre and over again

Sacha Craddock on how the face and function of the multiple has changed; plus other Glasgow shows

Glasgow's listings magazine, *The List*, suggested that people "say it with art" this Christmas. Eight artists were commissioned to make works specially for "Art Unlimited", an exhibition of "Multiples from the 1960s and 1990s from the Arts Council Collection" at the CCA.

Cornelia Parker's rococo fancy of stencilled circuit board and swirling wire is available in a reasonably low-priced edition of 50; Lucia Nogueira's glass phials of mercury suspended in earrings come in a quite expensive edition of 13; while Cathy de Monchaux's detailed piece, so obviously handmade and "original", comes in an edition of three.

One of the original intentions behind the creation of multiples was to undermine the idea of the work of art as something unique. There was also a belief that through replication certain ideas could more easily and quickly spread. Much of this work is dependent on the significance, or insignificance, of the everyday; consequently, many of the multiples here are barely altered common objects.

The show is split between those made in the 1960s and those from the so-called "revival" of the 1980s and 1990s. The Arts Council, from whose collection this touring show is made, has often purchased multiples, both because of what they represent and because they are a good deal more reasonably priced than unique works.

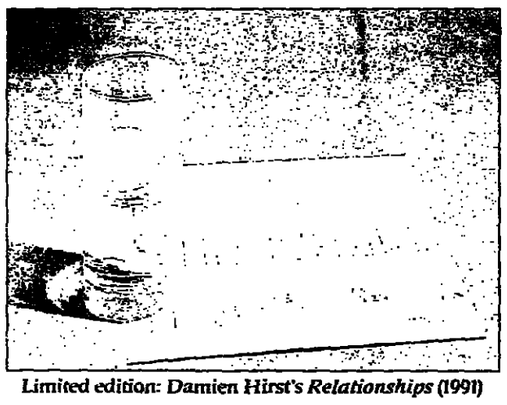
The products of the ideologies and optimistic faiths of 30 years ago look very different now. It is difficult to recapture, for instance, the atmosphere that initially existed around Lijianne Lijn's *Light Reflection* of 1968, in which abstract translucent shapes carry a certain timely optimism and a formal beatnik beauty. Other pieces in this section, beside the more famous illustrative work of Yves Klein and Claes Oldenberg, are like miniature variations on sculptural themes.

In the 1960s optimism surrounded the notion of mass production. The promise of mechanisation and reproduction were still something to be celebrated. Today's young artists have a different relationship to the future. A sense of self based on a unified and comprehensible history has been replaced by an unambitious stance born of generations of disillusion. The positive view of mechanisation and the belief in big artistic messages have given way to the joke: kinetic ready-mades, playful light pieces, abstract forms, funny plant forms, collapsed coat hangers, a map with a sound tape, soap, gloves and plastic sachets containing the ingredients of "David Cassidy's diet".

Today, the multiple is even more dependent on the name of the artist attached and on the fact that it is itself an "original". The newer works here often tend to play on already existing artistic situations. Richard Wilson's single gramophone record with the "water table" circle sunk into one side is a souvenir of an earlier project by the artist. Mark Wallinger's *A Real Work of Art* is a small trophy souvenir of a jointly-owned racehorse running under that name. Anya Gallacio's *Couverture* is real chocolate in a labelled tin. Damien Hirst's glass of water and ping-pong ball with written instructions depends on a familiarity with earlier artistic explorations of the belief that the idea is the thing (rather than the thing itself).

Perhaps the revival of multiples in the 1980s and 1990s really arose out of a need for certain galleries to sell work and advertise artists. The limited or limitless edition became a shorthand souvenir, a taster for more expensive art. The idea of the multiple art work as a shared "valueless" symbol of the anti-elite has been forgotten. While the question of reproduction versus the "unique" is now so familiar as to be almost a non-subject, the more recent multiples in this show are more dependent than ever on a particular kind of space, as well as on good faith and a well-lined pocket.

CCA, 346-354 Sauchiehall Street (041-332 7521/4) until January 15. The show then tours to Leeds, London, Ipswich and Brighton



Limited edition: Damien Hirst's *Relationships* (1991)

☐ Eugenio Dittborn's paintings arrive by airmail. He sends his work from Chile all over the world. The current show at Transmission is a recent series of pictures on almost weightless fabric that simply opens out and then hangs on the wall. The imagery looks to have been through many layers of interpretation and reproduction and has a soft, blurred, worn quality. Silk-screened cartoons, newspaper cuttings, printed material, move in and out of focus. This rootless, floating reference to period and source shows Dittborn's changing relationship to Chile and the rest of the world.

Transmission, 28 King Street, Irongate (041-552 4813) until Jan 21

☐ A thread runs through Ken Currie's "Glasgow History Paintings" uniting the huge set of works. Cannily painted in subdued colours, their effect is of flickering early Soviet cinema rather than any contemporary experience. Liberty leads the people, victory is forged, welded, pushed and striven for. Thus is the labour history of a city constructed and made solid.

City Museum and Art Gallery, Kelvingrove (041 221 9600)

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MUSIC ON TV: The BBC launches a feast of Purcell

Odes to a Baroque master

The Purcell Year is upon us, and the BBC has quickly leapt into action with a series of events on New Year's Day that also heralded "Fairest Isle", the corporation's year-long celebration of British music. Let us hope that the festivities avoid jingoistic tub-thumping, that we do not get so carried away that we forget the context of our various native musics.

Purcell drew heavily from European traditions. But he was essentially his own man, a genuinely individual composer. Peter Holman's explanation of Purcell's dazzling contrapuntal ingenuity in the Sonata "Three Parts Upon A Ground" — in an excellent BBC 2 documentary, *Purcell, the English Orpheus* — broadcast on Sunday just before the live relay on Radio 3 and BBC2 of a celebratory concert — told us something of his supreme technique. And in the same programme a snippet of Tippett talking about word setting in "Dido's Lament" demonstrated his genius for drama.

Rightly, much was also made of his adaptability under the various arts policies of succeeding monarchs. But in the end, as with all great artists, nothing and nobody can really pin down the reasons for Purcell's greatness. It simply is.

The concert itself, which took place in Inigo Jones's beautiful Banqueting House, the only surviving part of the palace at Whitehall where Purcell spent so much of his working life, proved a mixed affair, televisually over-ambitious. Robert King, who conducted, was shown between pieces in interviews with Nicholas Kenyon, controller of Radio 3, pre-recorded at Hampton Court. (Kenyon also fronted the documentary and made the live concert announcements; I suspect that we will hear much of him this year.) These snippets seemed disruptive: a concert is a concert and is best shown as such.

The King's Consort delivered the music stylishly, scattering songs like "Music For A While" (sung by James Bowman) and lesser-known gems like "Be Welcome Then, Great Sir" (Bowman again) and "Oh How Blest Is The Isle" (Rogers Covey-Crump) with instrumental pieces in which the trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins featured prominently and excellently. The climax came, however, with the Ode for the Birthday of Queen Mary, "Welcome, Welcome Glorious Morn", an astonishingly powerful piece that, despite its awful text, shows Purcell at his most eloquent.

Earlier in the day Radio 3 broadcast the official Purcell Tercentenary Concert, also the official opening concert of the "Fairest Isle" season, given last November by the Tavener Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott at Kensington Palace before the Prince of Wales and appropriately beginning with the 1683 Ode for St Cecilia's Day, "Welcome To All The Pleasures". Good, clean, polite performances, allied to a certain stiff intimacy in the air, helped to recapture some of the essence of what it must have been like to work to royal demand.

Later, also on Radio 3, there was a newly recorded account of the great semi-opera *The Fairy Queen*, complete with all the spoken text, a late 17th-century bowdlerisation of Shakespeare. This was beautifully produced, with magically atmospheric, closely miked acting from a fine cast. But possibly only on the live stage can the gap between actors and the musicians (here the London Classical Players and the Schutz Choir of London under Roger Norrington) be successfully bridged.

STEPHEN PETTITT



Under-age and over-extended

OPERA: Rodion Schedrin's musical version of Nabokov's celebrated novel fails to impress Hilary Finch

Without Humbert Humbert's ambiguous humour and Nabokov's linguistic virtuosity, the story of *Lolita* would be pretty insufferable. With neither of these qualities in evidence (nor anything approaching their musical counterparts), and apparently ignoring the warnings of the film, Rodion Schedrin has unveiled *Lolita* the opera.

Lolita
Royal Opera
Stockholm

Schedrin had apparently been plotting the piece with Mstislav Rostropovich as conductor ever since the 1960s. Ten years ago, their conspiracy thickened and, ostensibly dissuaded from a Russian premiere because of the disarray at the Bolshoi, they offered the package of new opera and conductor to Stockholm. The Royal Opera — naively, optimistically, desperately? — welcomed the world premiere with open arms.

Schedrin has not been conspicuously successful with his first two operas (*Not Love Alone*, 1961 and *Dead Souls*, 1976). His latest four-hour foray into the field, done with the approval of Dmitri Nabokov (son) who attended the premiere, must be quite the most over-extended and under-invented opera of this half-century.

Schedrin's libretto skilfully distils Nabokov's novel using not a word but the author's own. Yet these words carry no tone of voice. No sardonic humour is to be heard under the lugubrious groanings of Humbert; no evolving, shifting emotions through little Lo's pre-pubescent patter or adolescent gloom. The musical material is polarised between droning bass strings and high, closely-twined woodwind writing, with three or four recurrent and obvious motifs. It never functions as subtext, and it rarely changes in contour or pacing, whether in scenes of suburban chatter, lyrical reconciliation or mounting jealousy. It is music which accompanies, rather than creates; and it would be better off in the company of minor Chekhov.

So much for Schedrin's sins of omission. He outdoes even poor Humbert in sins of commission. Given the lack of tension and colour in his score, the composer has been tempted into creating a little clutch of Dramatic Devices. Bjorn Haugan plays the omnipresent high-tenor Clare Quilty (Lo's true love and true abuser) who appears anti-climactically often in black beard and red silk, rather like a conflation of Mephistopheles and Peter Quint from *Turn of the Screw*.

There is a choir of censorious gentlemen in bowler hats who peer in through the back wall at every orgasm. And (oh, Lolita!) there is even a flurry of choirboys who strike up "Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis" whenever appropriate. I won't even mention the dancing advertisement girls.



One notable success: the 25-year-old student Lisa Gustafsson singing the role of Lolita

If the Stockholm performances remain well attended, it will be thanks to the sensitive virtuoso production of Ann-Margret Pettersson, to John Conklin's irresistible sets, and to the central performance of 25-year-old opera student Lisa Gustafsson as Lolita and baritone Per-Arne Wahlgren as Humbert. In a mesmeric neon-scape of freeways and motels, with Mobil's scarlet Pegasus riding over gleaming phalloid lipsticks, each poignant gesture of hand, head and shoulder, so lovingly etched by Nabokov and so lazily ignored by Schedrin, is intimately rehearsed.

The sweet-voiced lyric-coloratura Gustafsson is a true and credible nymphet whose isolation grows palpably around her like a ring round a chill-white moon: her lover is lost in a Magritte-land of dolls' houses and deserts. Schedrin, though, remains uninvolved, finally deaf to their humanity, and arid of heart.

RECITAL: A superb anniversary concert

Fearsome foursome

A POLICY of including 20th-century works alongside the established repertoire may not seem the most obvious way of filling the Wigmore Hall. But the Brindisi String Quartet is no ordinary ensemble. This group of young players, now celebrating its tenth anniversary season, has made a name for itself as one of the foremost British quartets and, as more people are discovering, it can be relied upon to give an evening of fiercely committed, supremely musical playing.

Its recital last Friday set Bartók's Third Quartet alongside Mozart's K464 in A and Schumann's Piano Quintet (with Barry Douglas at the keyboard). Bartók's most succinct work in the genre was delivered with an intensity and passionate lyricism that made one impatient to hear the Bartók cycle scheduled by the Brindisi at the Almeida Theatre next May.

Brindisi Quartet
Wigmore Hall

The first movement of the Schumann offers all five players ample opportunities to make their instruments sing, and each seized them eagerly. I particularly relished the eloquence with which the second subject group was launched by Jonathan Tunnell on the cello, with Katie Wilkinson Khoroshunin on viola answering his rising phrases with equally beautifully crafted falling phrases of her own. The central section of the "Marcia" second movement can sometimes sound like slightly commonplace salon music. But, with the leader, Jacqueline Shave, spinning a top line of such subtle nuances there was little risk of that here.

As for the Mozart, the Brindisi's account was one of consummate artistry. Throughout the first and last movements one marvelled at the way each player contrived to float phrase after phrase, turn it in the air and bring it into rapport with those of his or her partners. The first variations of the Andante similarly caught the breath with their weaving of the two violin parts (Shave and Patrick Kiernan) — a wonderfully executed effect. I cannot remember when I last heard Mozart playing of such distinction.

BARRY MILLINGTON

JAZZ: The Prima spirit lives in a prime showman

King of the swingers, boy

PINK-suited band leaders who shout "Swing it!" to exhort their more soberly dressed sidemen to put zip into their solos are somewhat thin on the ground these days. Ray Gelato, however, makes no apology for attempting to conjure up the spirit of the great jazz showmen of the past: Lionel Hampton, Louis Jordan and — his chief inspiration — Louis Prima.

Although the late New Orleans trumpeter is probably still best-known as the voice of the monkey King Louis in Walt Disney's *The Jungle Book*, he enlivened both the 1940s jazz scene, with his big band arrangements featuring the likes of Pee Wee Russell, and the 1950s with a more rock'n'roll-orientated cabaret style.

It was one of Prima's best known numbers, "Sing, Sing, Sing", a swing era flagwaver, that provided Gelato with one of the highlights of his exuberant, slick act, but he also skilfully guided his six Giants of Jive through a repertoire of more restrained fare.

Ray Gelato and the Giants of Jive
Pizza On The Park

Thus, in an unusual arrangement of Cole Porter's "Night and Day", Gelato gently crooned the melody over his band's tasteful but bustling backing, and allowed Alan Nicholls the space to provide some plangent alto comments, but he was soon back in his irrepressible role, urging the beat along with skull-shaped maracas, and shouting "Come on, Clarky" to introduce a slapped bass solo from the mild-mannered Clark Kent (real name Anders Janes).

As was the case with Prima and his strident trumpet playing, Gelato's rumbustious showmanship and good-natured stage banter can often conceal the fact that he is a fine musician, capable of producing not only affectingly breathy, intimate tenor playing in the style of Ben Webster, but also pleasantly husky vocals. On standards such as "It Had To Be You", "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "When You're Smiling" — for which the Giants were joined by the slyly inventive tenor of guest Benny Green — Gelato effortlessly demonstrated both these facets of his talent, whether contributing warm tenor counterpoints to Green's solos or providing the vocal stimulus for Green's bleary but cogent obbligati.

It was the up-tempo Prima songbook, however, that provided the evening's most memorable moments: infectiously catchy material like "Angelina" — a song dedicated, appropriately enough at this venue, to a pizzeria waitress — and the famous medley of "Just A Gigolo" and "I Ain't Got Nobody" emphasise the band's lively, no nonsense, entertainment-first approach and make it difficult not to sympathise with Gelato's puzzlement in a characteristic mid-set pronouncement: "Why's everybody angry these days? I thought it had gone out with punk . . ."

CHRIS PARKER

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Paul Haynes

LONDON

EVENTS AT THE SOUTH BANK: Tonight offers the last chance to see **Music Theatre London**'s joyfully irreverent production of what is one of Rossini's best-loved operas, *Cinderella*. Music Theatre London enjoyed great success at the South Bank last year with *Così fan tutte*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.15pm.

Alternatively, there is the 15th Anniversary Festival of **Leo Records**, pioneers of new music from Russia and beyond. American sax phenomenon Ned Rothenberg is joined in his UK debut by Britain's Evan Parker. Also featuring one of Russia's most enduring improvisers and a figurehead in its thriving new music scene, Pop Mecanics' Sergey Kuryokhin.
Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm.

AT SWIM-TWO-BIRDS: In what might be called a ridiculusmus attempt to stage the unstageable, Flann O'Brien's boisterous novel dealing, in part, with a Dublin student's attempt to combine study with drinking, but also parodying a wealth of Irish literary conventions.
BAC Studio Two, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8.30pm. Till Jan 22.

WIGMORE HALL: Tonight sees distinguished chamber ensemble, the **Sorrell Quartet**, perform Haydn's Quartet in E flat, Mozart's Quartet in C "Dissonance" and Britten's Quartet No 3.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

SOUTHAMPTON: Richard Studt conducts the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** with award-winning soprano Susan Gritton for a **Viennese Night** programme which includes various joyous polkas and waltzes from members of the Strauss family and works by Lehar.
Northguild, Civic Centre, Southampton (0703-632 601). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: Inna Brown directs Kathryn Evans, in the role immortalised by Julie Andrews, for **The Sound of Music**. Kathryn Evans has recently played leading roles in West End musicals including *Aspects of Love* and as Eva Peron in *Evita*.
West Yorkshire Playhouse, The Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Tonight, 7.30pm. Until Jan 25.

LEICESTER: Described as "traditional panto with a 90s twist" the family adventure *Jack and the Raiders of the Lost Bean* follows the chase to find the secret of the Lost Bean. With music from Motown to Madonna.
Also on offer at the Haymarket are *Calamity Jane*, a musical comedy set in the West at its most wild and Stephen Dinsdale's transporting comedy *Anorak of Fire*.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797).

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections; Mexican Gallery; Pre-Raphaelite Drawings; Prints of the Barbizon School; Japanese Imperial Craftsmen; New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells; Christina Rossetti (071-306 0055) **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) **Royal Academy**: *The Painted Page* (071-439 7438) **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) **Tate**: Whistler; Clore Gallery **V & A**: *Kalighat, Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930*, Nehru Gallery; Streetstyle; the Ironwork and Glass Galleries (071-938 8500) **Whitechapel**: Words in a Box (071-522 7888)

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **FLORA THE RED MENACE**: Attractive staging of Kander & Ebb's first musical, a surprising story of an all-American girl toying with communism. Lucy Tregear in the role created by Liza Minnelli.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 4pm and Thurs, 2.30pm. Until Feb 4.

☐ **LEAVE TAKING**: Touring production of Winsome Pinnock's 1987 play comes here for 16 performances. A West Indian woman and her adored daughters consult an obeah woman to cleanse their obsession with the past.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Jan 4, 7pm, until Jan 14.

☐ **THE MAN OF MODE**: Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. David Westhead as Dorimant, Tim Potter as Sir Fopling Flutter. Max Stafford-Clark directs. In repertoire with *The Libertine*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

◪ **RAISING FIRES**: Black Essex girl suspected of arson in the days of witch burning. Strong sense of period in Jenny McLeod's award-winning play about greed, gossip and hypocrisy.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Jan 14.

■ **THE SHAKESPEARE REVIEW**: Devised and performed by members of the RSC. *The Shakespeare Review* ranges from the sharply satirical to broadly comic. It includes songs by Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim and Sandy Wilson and sketches by Alan Bennett, Stephen Fry and Victoria Wood.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm, mat, 2.00pm.

☐ **SLAVS!**: Tony Kushner's densely packed serious comedy about the collapse of Communism. A strong cast find some passion in it but the struggle is hard, comrades.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Tom Hollander sings Macheath in Kurt Weill's opera. Words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht". Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival. With new song lyrics from Jeremy Sams.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

TO THE LIGHTHOUSE: After its successful national tour, Empty Space begins an 8-week London season of Virginia Woolf's novel, adapted by Julia Limer. After 4 weeks at Hammersmith the production moves to the Warehouse, Croydon.

Lyric Studio, King St, W6 (081-741 2311). Preview Jan 4, 8pm. Opens Jan 5, 8pm. Mon to Sat 8pm. Mats Thurs (Jan 19) and Wed (Jan 25) 1.30pm, Sats 4pm. Till Jan 28.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) .. ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) ☐ **On Approval**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ☐ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty) (071-494 5090) ☐ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (071-369 1734) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**: Strand (071-930 8800) . ☐ **The Queen and I**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ☐ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . ☐ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U): Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya", caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Curzon Mayfair (071-369 1720)

CURRENT

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful *and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp* and Hugo Weaving, director, Stephan Elliott.
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◆ ***D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS*** (U): Stale adventures of America's ice hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games. With Emilio Estevez. Director, Sam Weisman.
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I LOVE TROUBLE (PG): Romantic comedy thriller that fails to match as vintage Hollywood models. With Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte; director, Charles Shyer.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.

Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell.
MGMs Fulham Road (071-370 2636) (Screens 3 and 4 only) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
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MY FAIR LADY (U): Resplendent restored print of the 1964 musical, with Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, very familiar tunes and Edwardian finery galore. Directed by George Cukor.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Gate** (071-727 4043)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick.
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◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea, Wendy Hughes. Director, Michael Austin.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

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MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Much-vaunted but empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
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THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.
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BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,648.20	Abbey Nat	430½	- 5½	4.5	14.5
1,799.80	Allied Irish	270		4.7	10.4
2,821.70	Aus New Z	212	+ 3	5.8	..
9,078.90	Bank America	2583¾	+ 18¾	...	...
2,472.40	Bank Scotland	211½	+ 1½	3.1	11.9
9,981.70	Barclays	610½	- 3½	3.4	14.9
1,412.90	Bk of Ireland	298	+ 3	4.6	8.6
10,437.60	Citicorp	2681¼	+ 6¼	...	...
210.50	Close Bros	223	- 5	4.2	..
4,385.90	Commerzbk	£134½	+ 2⅞	6.1	..
37,782.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1209¾	- 25	0.4	..
14,171.70	Deutsche Bk	£298½	+ 25¾	2.3	..
177.70	Espirito Santo	831½	+ 28¼	4.6	4.2
100.40	First Nat Fin	58½	+ 1	3.2	..
40,927.00	Fuji Bank Y	1412¾	+ 6	0.4	..
402.40	Hambros	228		8.2	14.0
6,019.40	HSBC	706½	- 17½	4.3	10.2
12,174.00	HSBC HK	694	- 24	4.4	10.0
21.40	Joseph (L)	408		5.4	11.9
37.70	Kleinwort Ben	553	+ 5	4.4	9.7
7,165.00	Lloyds	552½	- 13½	5.2	10.9
7,014.40	Nat Aust Bk	524	- 4	7.0	..
8,815.10	Nat West	514	- 2	4.7	10.0
107.50	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.8	..
25.60	Rea Bros	65		1.9	18.2
3,157.90	Royal Bk Scot	393½	- 1½	4.4	9.5
1,465.00	Schroders	1465	- 15	1.6	13.4
383.70	Schroders NV	1323	- 16	1.7	12.1
167.00	Singer & Fried	86		4.6	11.1
2,704.00	Stand Chart	280½	+ 1½	2.8	9.6
3,590.20	TSB	234½	+ ½	4.3	11.8
1,520.20	Warburg SG	691	+ 7	4.0	12.7
5,172.60	Wells Fargo	9337½	- 150	2.9	..
3,916.90	Westpac	215½	- 2	2.5	..
18.10	Wintrust	213		6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
612.50	Ascot Hldgs	185			
4,491.60	Bass	514½	- 2½	5.1	13.0
405.30	Boddington	255	- 1	4.1	13.7
36.60	Burtonwood Brwr	176	- 1	3.6	14.7
30.40	Eldridge P 'A'	196		3.3	..
1,299.10	Fosters Brewing	59		5.0	..
70.20	Fuller Sm 'A'	344	- 2	2.9	14.2
699.10	Greenalls Grp	430	- 2	3.9	20.9
221.70	Greene King	524		3.1	14.6
63.00	Hardy Hanson	352	+ 7	4.8	..
3.48	Heavitree	150		3.4	13.5
105.00	Hall J	3388		1.8	18.6
152.80	Marchfield	238	- 1	2.4	14.6
272.70	Marston Thmpt	303		2.5	14.7
100.40	Morland	465		2.9	14.0
7.04	Pubmaster	7		3.6	..
45.50	Regent Inns	309		2.2	23.7
4,310.40	SA Breweries	1565¾	+ 96¾	1.9	24.0
2,739.40	Scot & New	513	+ 3	4.3	14.5
301.50	Vaux Group	216	- 5	5.7	13.7
162.60	Wetherspoon JD	448	+ 7	1.8	24.7
2,954.90	Whitbread	565	- 6	4.2	15.4
346.50	Wolverhmptn Dt	521	+ 1	3.3	13.1
72.60	Yates Bros	187	- 1	2.5	14.7
13.50	Young 'A'	465		4.0	19.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
54.20	Abbey	140	+ 2	4.7	10.2
52.10	Allen	161		4.3	19.1
139.70	Amec	69	+ 1	5.4	39.8
19.00	Andrews Sykes	133	- 2		
126.40	Ashtead	430		1.6	26.6
45.20	Avonside	104		5.3	12.2
3.66	Bailey (Ben) Con	35		2.5	21.4
7.56	Barcom	41			
360.60	Barratt Devs	165	+ 3	4.5	12.8
376.30	Beazer Homes	134		5.0	10.5
194.60	Bellway	199	+ 13	4.4	..
14.90	Belhinton	33	+ 1		29.0
268.10	Berkeley Grp	346	- 2	2.6	14.4
26.70	Bett Bros	178		3.2	5.5
58.70	Boot (Henry)	225	+ 7	3.7	11.1
13.80	Brandon Hire	93	+ 3	2.0	..
17.96	Br Bldg & Engy	160		6.2	10.0
344.80	Bryant	124		5.0	13.9
45.60	CALA	106		3.3	14.6
4.98	Campbell & Arm	34½			
6.02	Clarke T	49		3.2	41.6
103.80	Costain	21			
83.70	Countryside	109	- 1	5.0	..
74.20	Crest Nicholson	75	+ 1	2.7	13.9
17.30	Cussins	97		4.4	11.7
9.17	Edmond Hldgs	18		2.1	..
26.90	Eve Group	275	- 8	5.1	11.1
33.10	Galliford	26	- 1	4.6	..
1.53	Gibbs & Dandy	88		3.8	..
63.60	Gleeson (M&J)	828		2.1	14.2
6.63	Green (Ernest)	66		8.7	35.5
46.40	Havelock Euro	178	+ 3	2.1	16.3
321.40	Hewden-Stuart	140		2.1	16.1
60.90	Higgs & Hill	82	- 1	3.4	..
5.63	Howard Hldgs	22		4.5	30.5
3.98	Jarvis	110			
64.40	Kier	115	+ 2	4.1	13.3
102.10	Laing (J)	223		3.0	20.2
37.90	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	94½		8.5	..
11.10	Lon Clydeside	122		4.9	16.9
24.00	Lovell (YJ)	60		2.1	6.9
52.20	Maunders (J)	208		3.2	..
118.20	McAlpine (A)	171	- 1	4.8	25.1
58.00	McCarthy & S	59	- 1		
176.30	Mowlem (J)	101		2.5	..
235.90	Persimmon	202	+ 1	5.7	15.1
21.90	Pochins	210½		1.9	21.1
96.90	Prowting	125		3.6	19.8
92.20	Raine Ind	49		7.7	10.2
4.62	Secure Retire	46			14.9
25.40	Redrow	102	- 2	3.3	10.1
5.40	Smith-Rite	60	+ 1	1.6	28.2
40.50	Sherrill Hldgs	385	+ 1	1.9	15.9
5.09	Storon	49		4.2	15.3
21.20	Smart (J)	210		5.1	32.0
103.80	Spandex	263	- 8	5.1	21.2
49.30	Tay Homes	169	+ 5	4.8	12.4
495.70	Taylor Woodrow	127¾	- 2½	1.7	31.1
192.60	Tilbury Dougas	569		7.2	43.5
6.16	Torex Hire	60	+ 2	1.9	31.3
13.90	Try Group	20		3.1	..
50.20	Vibroplant	109		4.3	19.6
72.70	Wainhomes	116	- 1	5.9	12.5
26.60	Ward Hldgs	51		1.2	..
31.90	Westbury	138		4.9	12.6
23.40	Wiggins	5½	- ¼		
304.00	Wilson (C)	160	- 1	3.3	13.3
303.60	Wilson Bowdn	325	+ 1	3.2	14.5
462.00	Wimpey G	128	+ 4	5.1	19.1

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.10	Abingdon	14		4.5	13.3
154.50	Alumasc	338		2.2	..
21.80	Amberley Grp	51	- 2½	3.1	27.9
1,476.80	BPB Ind	295	+ 1	3.6	15.1
48.80	Baggeridge Brk	123	+ 1½	3.2	..
177.40	Barton	32	- 1½	7.8	..
340.40	Bensford Ind	228		0.3	80.3
16.50	Brackleys	67			
2,053.00	Blue Circle	282	- 10	5.0	20.0
22.20	Breedon PLC	78		7.4	22.3
22.80	Br Dredging	130		5.4	15.6
1,256.90	CRH	357	+ 2	2.7	18.1
2.00	Cakebread Rby	38			4.1
109.80	Caber	203		6.8	12.9
1,495.80	Caradon	250	- 8	4.4	16.6
230.40	Caradon pf	128	- 2½	7.1	..
4.62	Chelsea Gp	54		8.1	10.8
1.85	Dyson (J&J)	112		3.9	16.9
8.58	Dyson 'A'	72		6.1	10.8
17.99	Ecopre Blinds	12½	- ¼		
59.40	Epwin	275		3.6	16.3
29.00	Erith	59	+ 1	3.0	33.2
158.20	Graham Grp	173	+ 2	3.3	16.5
152.80	Halstead (J)	341		2.7	15.7
253.90	Heywood Williams	313	- 7	5.9	17.8
7.21	Hewetson	85		2.2	14.7
4.58	Heart (J)	135		3.2	..
257.00	Heywood Alta	268	- 2	6.3	15.1
99.80	Ibstock	79	- 1½	1.6	..
27.75	Johnston	282		2.1	31.5
29.40	Lovehall	107	- 1	5.5	11.2
178.20	Marley	132	- 3	4.0	15.6
154.60	Marshalls	134		4.2	11.8
448.50	Meyer Intl	356	- 2	3.8	13.9
202.10	Newman Tonks	167	- 2	4.8	21.1
137.60	Norcros	107	- 1	8.2	29.3
4.13	Phoenix Timber	12			
1,324.70	Pilkington	166	- 4	3.0	32.0
257.60	Polypipe	132		2.2	15.2
1,042.70	RMC Gp	935	- 18	2.9	19.3
4.93	Ramus	17			
2,382.30	Redland	460	- 3	6.8	21.3
14.70	Rhoss	98		5.5	..
731.70	Rugby Group	123	+ 3	5.5	15.5
20.60	Russell (A)	89		3.2	18.3
112.40	SIG	260		2.7	20.9
3.13	SMP	16½		1.5	23.6
27.10	Sharpe & Fisher	179		3.1	13.1
175.00	Spring Ram	39½	- 1½	1.6	..
1,501.20	Tarmac	119½	- 3½	5.8	..
17.50	Tilon	160		3.6	..
293.70	Travis Perkins	286	- 1	3.0	17.6
1.52	Tudor	34		1.2	..
1.30	Umgroup	35			
1.22	Ceramic	48			
32.30	Wickes	91		1.8	20.4
2,155.20	Wolseley	793	+ 3	2.7	15.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.10	Anglo Ord	1½			
13.70	Aeg Hou	85			
331.10	Adwest	117		5.3	
3.51	Bailey (CH)	6½			
11.56	Bank Amen	47		8.2	7.5
1.00	Br Bloodstock	71			69.1
2.23	Corne Gp	5¼			16.0
2.55	Chemex	6½	- ¼	1.9	..
11.00	Capita	140		7.1	9.9
51.50	Finlay	217		1.3	18.6
6.92	Hadway	43	- 1	2.0	33.5
61.90	Hartwell	250	- 1	1.6	..
102.60	Leigh	157	- 3	6.2	14.5
27.80	Isobo Gp	227		3.3	14.6
59.70	Photo-Me	252		2.3	27.3
17.50	Plant & Gen	56		3.9	..
172.20	Plantbrook	173		2.5	20.4
9.96	Porth Group	4½	- ½		
16.30	Pochins	11	- ½		
154.70	Sitre & McEwan	84		3.1	
29.50	Sinclar (Wm)	187		4.9	14.1
1,157.70	Aztec Mgt Inl	362	- 6		13.7

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
679.60	Allied Colloids	129	- 1	2.3	18.1
20.50	Amber Inds	780		2.4	15.5
7,447.90	BASF DM	£127¾	- 18¾	3.7	..
3,355.70	BOC	704	- 12	4.4	26.0
339.90	BTP	256	- 5	4.5	18.7
9,819.20	Bayer DM50	£146½	- 200	3.1	..
72.00	Brent Chem	108		4.6	..
409.90	Br Vita	229	- 1	4.1	17.0
3.99	Cambridge Iso	30½	+ 4½	..	..
52.40	Canning (W)	185	+ 2	4.9	31.3
1,861.50	Courtaulds	422	+ 2	4.0	31.5
510.70	Croda	386	- 6	2.8	16.5
14.00	Dryflex	132		4.4	13.3
18.40	Euro Colour	61	+ 2½	2.9	17.7
11.10	Globens	122		5.7	11.0
219.60	Hickson	125	+ 3	8.0	11.2
7,912.40	Hoechst	£133¾	- 13⅞	2.8	..
210.30	Holliday Chem	203		2.7	16.6
5,472.90	ICI	789	- 21	4.6	60.5
156.70	Kalon	117	+ ½	4.7	11.1
1,377.30	Laporte	715	+ 5	3.7	18.1
28.70	MTM	80		0.8	..
117.10	Manders	295	+ 3	4.2	14.3
68.10	McLeod Russell	113		6.9	..
15.90	Midnotech	66		6.5	8.9
22,590.50	Montedison	443¾	- ¾	4.4	20.7
45.00	Porvair	290		1.9	27.8
455.60	Scapa	192		3.3	15.6
16.00	Suttcliffe Speak	32	- 1	2.8	18.5
4,779.50	Takeda Chem	775¾	+ 2½	0.8	34.4
83.40	Wardle Storeys	336		6.4	18.7
45.20	Wellington Hdg	191		3.4	18.5
59.30	Wolstenholme R	788		3.0	16.5
182.50	Yorks Chem	357	+ 1	2.9	15.4
277.00	Yule Catto	277	- 2	3.0	21.0

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
78.30	ABI Leisure	105		4.6	..
51.90	Acatt	300	+ 1	2.9	16.2
25.00	Adam & Harvey	585		3.3	7.3
8.25	Alexanders	71		3.0	19.5
75.00	Appleyard	113		6.4	19.9
11.80	Ass Br Eng	8½		1.4	58.8
135.70	BSS Group	518	+ 4	4.4	18.3
7.65	Bearing Power	22½	+ 1½	5.6	..
15.60	Blanchley Mtr	255	- 5	5.1	10.5
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	9.6
156.50	Bremner	350	+ 1	4.6	19.4
4.41	Bridgend Grp	16		1.6	
20.70	Brit Fittings	87		3.2	
13.00	Brown & Tawse	40			
30.10	Burndene	37		6.7	
8.89	Callyon	388		5.4	18.1
24.50	Cannes Plct	38	- ½	5.3	14.4
12.00	Central Mtr	88		6.0	21.8
18.00	Cock (DC)	42	+ 2½	3.4	12.0
383.90	Cowie	226	+ 2	5.0	11.2
33.30	Dag Motors	138		5.9	15.9
25.90	Dennings El	593		1.4	16.6
236.50	Diploma	423	- 3	4.0	..
934.70	Electrocomponent	473	+ 1	2.7	19.4
40.00	Electron House	158	+ 1	3.5	16.5
216.80	Ellis & Everard	260	- 2	3.7	19.2
100.50	Eurodollar	205	+ 1	5.2	16.0
59.00	European Mkt	110	+ 1	5.1	12.0
128.00	Evans Halshaw	400		4.4	12.6
692.90	Farnell Elect	514	- 1	1.9	21.1
7.39	Fife Indmar	60	- 1	5.7	8.8
17.20	Gardiner	16		5.9	7.6
6.88	Glencrewton	23½	+ ½		29.9
6.64	Gowrings	73		3.4	22.2
26.10	Hallin Hldgs	71			56.4
15.90	Harris (Philip)	146	- 3	5.8	13.0
129.70	Henlys	272		3.4	14.6
2.87	Holders Tech	52		8.2	10.0
43.90	ISA Intl	110		1.9	13.7
2,251.30	Inchcape	428	- 7	4.4	14.2
6.06	Jacks (Wm)	56			13.0
287.50	Kwik-Fit	166½	+ 3½	3.0	19.1
285.90	Lex Service	300		5.6	11.5
37.60	Lookers	193	- 1	4.5	12.0
14.40	Matsui Grs	15	+ ½	2.1	..
46.20	Meddeser	8½			
44.70	Norbain	430	+ 4	0.7	20.6
15.50	Northcobert	91		1.8	38.6
13.40	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
97.60	Pendragon	253		3.7	16.6
40.70	Perry Gp	161		5.4	8.3
30.10	Quicks Group	131		5.0	13.8
13.30	REA	184	+ 6	4.6	33.9
3.54	Reeco	2½			
8.71	Ross Gp	6		4.2	
31.80	SEP Ind	39½	+ 1	3.4	
14.60	TLS Range	40½	- ½	3.1	16.3
123.00	Time Products	232	+ 1	4.7	15.6
69.90	Vardy (Reg)	151		2.8	14.3
34.80	Wholesale Ftgs	245		6.0	..
29.80	Wills Gp	17	- 2	3.7	9.5
62.00	Walmsley	74½	+ 5½	1.1	25.1
19.40	Wyko	60		1.0	..
11.30	Young (H)	68		6.6	..

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
132.00	Adwest	156½		6.0	16.0
495.10	Anglogasta	315	- 13	1.4	25.5
17.70	Armour	48½		4.6	10.1
16,519.00	Broken Hill	997	+ 5	2.2	38.5
10,677.50	BTR	293½	- 1½	5.3	15.5
13,298.80	BAT Inds	431½	- 13½	6.0	11.3
11.50	Bibby (J)	72		5.2	
1,227.30	Brierley Inv	47	- ½	9.5	
673.70	Charter	787	- 2	3.7	22.4
1,291.30	Cookson	229	- 7	3.5	20.7
11,941.30	Hanson	230½	- 3½	6.5	15.9
978.00	Harrisons Cros	139	- 3	8.1	15.8
9,334.40	Hutch Whamp	258½	- 10	2.2	18.4
3,279.70	Jardine Math	456½	+ ½	3.2	18.3
5.21	Jourdan (T)	29		4.3	26.8
1,174.80	Lonrho	152		3.3	41.7
38.20	Porter Chadburn	40½			
339.50	Powell Duffryn	511	- 9	6.2	14.5
29.60	Ropner	128		7.3	14.5
3,010.40	Rothmans	453½	- 2½	5.3	22.6
28.40	Saltire	11½			4.4
2,979.30	Sime Darby	141	+ 6	3.1	18.0
19.50	Staveley	170		6.2	49.7
182.40	Suter	156		7.5	15.0
388.40	TI Group	348		2.2	..
2,598.20	Tomkins	220		4.2	14.1
815.00	Trafalgar Ht	76	+ 3	1.6	
57.60	Unitope	295		3.6	15.2
549.50	Wassall	285	+ 3	1.6	24.5
17.00	Wolney	11½	+ ¼	2.3	..
1,814.90	Williams Hldg	314	- 10	5.2	19.4

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,623.10	East Midlands	841	+ 22	4.1	35.0
2,002.10	Eastern Grp	776	- 7	4.0	16.8
1,521.10	London Elect	746	+ 10½	4.1	11.4
1,003.40	Manweb	871	+ 31	3.9	10.3
1,545.80	Midlands Elec	831	+ 16	3.9	12.3
6,269.00	National Power	488	- 2	3.3	13.4
1,119.00	Northern Elec	1000	- 6	3.4	12.4
599.10	Nthn Ireland	364	+ 6	4.1	9.8
1,370.00	Norweb	880	+ 27	3.6	11.3
4,199.80	PowerGen	535	+ 4	3.2	11.5
1,254.70	Hydro-Elect	327	+ 4	5.0	10.2
3,656.00	Scottish Power	350	+ 4	4.6	10.9
1,213.90	Seeboard	394	+ 22	3.2	12.8
853.80	Sth Wales	834	+ 35	4.1	12.0
1,039.90	Sth Western	882	+ 17	3.6	11.6
2,187.00	Southern Elec	807	+ 16	3.8	11.6
1,517.20	Yorkshire Elec	727	+ 38	4.3	14.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
65.40	Acorn Comp	97	- 1		
72.40	Admiral	635		1.3	19.5
93.90	Alba	199	- 1	3.2	15.4
155.80	Amstrad	134		2.3	..
26.80	Arlen	36	+ 1		
260.80	Actac	84½		1.3	17.3
29.30	Adam	134		2.8	10.8
1,268.30	BICC	369	+ 3	6.7	23.6
26.00	Beales Hoster	244		5.0	..
7.52	Berkeley Bus	9½	+ 1½		
131.20	Black	430		3.4	..
540.05	Bowthorpe	290		3.0	16.7
5.00	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+ ½	1.6	11.2
37.40	CML Micro	201	- 3	3.7	12.9
54.80	Chloride	23		0.5	64.3
11.60	Copymore	110		4.9	..
383.40	Cray Elect	161½	- 1½	1.7	18.8
64.50	Crichley	461		2.3	19.4
827.90	Dalka Bs Syst	330	- 6	0.6	24.2
652.30	Delta	498	- 10	4.2	18.7
146.30	Domino	552	- 1	1.9	23.7
106.80	Dowding Mills	72		4.4	26.3
94.10	Druck	1470		0.9	27.4
2,309.00	Electrolux 'B'	3240¾	- 37½	1.7	54.8
31.60	Emess	29½		0.4	..
7,017.50	Ericsson 'B'	3534¾	- 78¼	1.1	30.4
34.40	Eurocopy	71	+ 1	3.6	..
353.70	EuroTherm	397	- 3	7.7	..
35.20	Farey Group	405	+ 5	1.9	21.4
16.10	Forward Grp	195		3.5	12.0
13.90	Forward Tech	41		2.3	8.5
7,540.50	GEC	275	- 1½	5.0	13.8
231.20	Gestetner	117		3.6	..
90.30	Graseby	140	+ 2	5.4	13.1
55.10	Ind Control	138		4.5	11.6
146.40	Kenwood App	319		3.7	15.6
307.60	Kerdlaw (A)	885		2.9	40.7
4.93	Kode	53	- 1	9.4	
3.95	LPA Ind	44		4.5	
53.80	MTL Inst	239		1.8	18.0
128.40	Memec-Sw	281	+ 11	2.9	20.7
23.30	Microvitec	36½	+ 1½		18.3
236.40	Mitel	224	+ 7		
30.50	Murray Ent	115		2.3	..
8.04	Ormst	2½		3.6	
2.82	Pacer Systems	60		7.4	21.7
97.90	Pearl	82		5.2	20.6
6,366.70	Philips Lamp Nv	1893¾	- 18¼	7.0	8.6
14.20	Philips Fn 4%	£110		5.2	
33.40	Pilco	348	- 1	1.6	22.9
22.40	Pilco 'A' Ng	325	- 2	1.7	22.3
5.58	Plasmec	120		3.9	..
35.50	Prestac	96	- 1	3.7	18.5
9.77	Prestwick	24			
56.10	Psion	250		1.5	17.5
624.60	Racal Elect	223	- 3	2.5	18.3
8.67	Radamec	47	- 2	5.1	12.9
126.50	Ronson	33		2.4	17.0
6.23	Scantronic	19	+ 1½	5.5	..
26.20	Silverthorne	41	+ 2	2.3	24.3
6.27	Soundtracks	62		4.8	14.1
45.40	Stm Bus	47	- 1	3.9	7.3
0.85	TDS Circuits	9½			
4,077.50	TDK	3160	+ 15½	1.0	
53.20	Tadpole Tech	376	- 1		
71.40	Telemetrix	78	- 1	1.5	13.0
20.00	TGI	93	- 1	3.0	17.3
117.00	Telspec	369	+ 2	0.6	44.6
29.60	Thorpe FW	228	+ 5	1.7	17.4
3.53	Total Systems	25			36.4
82.00	Tunstall	250	- 1	1.9	..
249.80	Unitech	350		2.3	27.4
13.90	Verrelsa	9			24.2
101.80	Volex	354		8.0	16.1
16.50	Wardshaw	79			
71.70	Whitecroft	164	- 2	2.7	18.0

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
29.90	AIM	168		3.3	44.9
155.20	APV	52½	- 1½	10.5	
144.50	ASW	215		3.7	
17.10	Aero Hemble	30		15.6	3.0
6.46	Aerospace Eng	17	+ ½	5.6	47.5
25.60	AMS	46	+ 5	2.7	
37.30	Ash & Lacy	142	- 1	5.6	14.7
97.50	Atlas Equip	553		3.3	19.4
12.10	Ayrshire Metal	121		7.5	14.8
51.50	BM Gp	46½	+ ½		
251.60	Babcock	29½			
65.00	Bifar	136	- 1	6.2	22.9
116.80	Baynes (Charles)	81	- ½	2.7	20.7
8.15	Beaufort	38			
1.60	Billam (J)	111		6.0	6.0
181.20	Bodycote	313	+ 2	2.2	21.3
2.92	Booth Inds	73			
12.20	Brasway	15½		4.3	15.5
89.60	Bridon	85		3.2	
1,916.90	Br Aerospace	427½	- 4½	2.6	37.6
3,102.70	Br Steel	153½	- 2½	2.8	18.8
68.90	Bromsgrove Ind	92		6.1	11.7
4.76	Bussoe Tool	12½			
190.00	Bullough	157		4.8	25.8
24.70	Burnfield	72		3.2	30.9
12.10	CI Group	14		2.7	
162.40	Carclo Eng	265	+ 3	4.3	17.3
65.00	Carlsnight	153	+ 9	2.3	18.8
10.60	Chamberlin HW	103		5.6	9.5
68.90	Chemring	297	- 3½	4.1	
14.26	Clyde Blowers	181		3.1	
253.30	Cobham	235	- 7	2.9	16.7
4.14	Cohen (A)	533		0.5	
105.00	Concentric	193		4.0	
53.00	Cook (Wm)	241		3.9	11.3
123.90	Devit Brown	215½	- 2½	3.8	15.3
85.20	Dobson Park	68	+ ½	6.9	
174.00	EIS	380		4.1	15.3
33.60	Elliott (B)	95		2.5	14.2
56.20	Expamet	89		3.7	63.1
667.10	FKI	149	+ 2½	3.5	17.2
95.40	Fenner	138		1.4	64.2
6.46	Firman	35			
23.40	GEI Intl	77	- 1	4.1	14.1
4.58	Galton Eng	120	- 1	4.8	
896.40	Glynwed	334	+ 1	4.4	19.6
34.30	Graystone	12½		2.4	10.6
83.50	Halma Mach	76		3.3	19.8
9.53	Hangwell	133	+ 5	2.3	15.1
47.90	Hall Eng	150		6.7	11.7
429.10	Halcrow	215		1.5	25.2
34.30	Hampson Ind	58		4.6	10.4
3.90	Hay (Norman)	26			
4.60	Hill & Smith	134		6.4	14.5
43.00	Hopkinsons	56	- 1	3.0	
15.40	Hew Gp	37		2.5	
270.50	Howden	92	- 2	5.3	16.3
169.80	Hurlong	174½	+ 4	7.2	24.3
121.70	Hudson Tec	430		1.5	20.0
1,032.10	IMI	316	+ 1	4.0	26.8
59.00	Johnson & FB	42			
1,064.20	Johnson Matthy	545	- 1½	2.8	20.4
7.71	Jones Shipman	30			
10.30	Kelsey Inc	334	+ 6	5.0	
18.70	Laird	265		3.3	16.5

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.59	AAF Inds	33	- 1		
13.60	Airflow Streamt	199		3.1	15.6
124.80	Avon Rubber	469		4.4	
817.60	BBA	200½	- ½	2.8	
165.40	BSG	56½		7.1	35.3
13.70	Beeson Group	10½	+ 1	3.9	14.4
47.40	Bocarom	300		2.5	17.1
15.10	Boustead	33		5.5	
25.20	Caverdale	11½		1.6	11.9
31.90	ERF	225	+ 1	1.5	
57.70	First Tech	371	+ 2	1.8	21.2
2,040.40	GKN	588	+ 2	4.4	34.4
19,140.30	General Mtr	2697¾	- 168¾	1.7	
11,046.80	Honda Motor	1134	- 9¾	0.4	
488.20	Lard	345		3.9	16.7
6.90	Lookes	345			
1,625.90	Lucas	204	+ 2	4.3	
105.60	Mayflower	53		3.3	21.6
31.20	Midstates	62	- 2		8.8
26.50	Sytone	161		3.9	17.6
857.60	T & N	162	+ 2	8.4	14.1
167.60	Trinity Hldgs	326	- 5	2.5	23.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,508.00	ABI Food	564	- 18	3.6	11.5
146.80	Acatos & Hutch	265		4.3	
336.10	Albert Fisher	47½	+ 2½	9.8	16.2
18.50	Banks (S C)	215		6.7	8.2
71.60	Barr (AG)	375		2.2	34.2
6.98	Bercos Crop	38	- 1	7.1	
892.70	Booker	398	- 1	6.9	14.7
2.43	Bontmeck	47½		3.4	22.6
21.90	CPL Aromas	201		1.9	19.2
3,594.50	Cadbury-Schw	431	+ 2	4.5	14.3
17.30	Carrs Milling	253	+ 15	3.1	9.2
20.20	Cranswick	145	+ 1	7.2	12.1
12.80	Dalepak	110		1.7	
967.00	Dalgety	421	+ 4	6.3	11.8
4.48	Daniels S	54		0.7	
294.30	Devro	218		3.6	14.7
18.00	Everest	83	- 1	5.0	22.6
1.11	Farmgford	4½			
65.80	Finlay (James)	66	- 1	7.9	9.0
17.50	Global	14½	+ ½	4.3	13.2
22.50	Grand Central	57	- 3		
267.00	Hazlewood Fdst	115		7.3	7.2
1,242.10	Hillsdown	179	- 1	6.1	12.7
86.90	Hopson	37½	- 1½		
34.00	JLI Group	82	- 1	7.4	11.6
59.30	Linton Park	346		5.3	9.9
141.30	Matthews (B)	114		3.0	13.7
449.80	Man ED & F	175	+ 1½	6.1	9.6
91.50	Nichols (JN)	231		3.2	14.8
1,224.80	Nthn Foods	213	- 5	5.2	10.9
5.99	Nthnton Fo	9½	- ¼		
3.52	Pascoe's	33			
80.20	Perkins Food	65	- 1	8.6	10.9
3.81	Sentry Farm	84		3.3	8.5
26.90	Sims Food	78		12.0	
1,522.00	Tate & Lyle	423		4.3	9.7
19.50	Treat	205		2.5	16.7
784.90	Unigate	335	- 9	6.6	9.2
9,414.50	Unilever	1158	- 5	2.7	16.7
12,041.00	Unilever (NV)	7496¼	+ 166¾	2.9	15.6
1,720.00	Utd Biscuits	327		5.8	26.7
14.80	West Trst	35	- 1	9.1	24.2
48.10	Yorkshire Food	108	+ 4	2.8	12.8

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
304.40	AAH	339	+ 3	5.6	11.9
488.70	Amersham	847		2.4	17.7
23.70	Axogen	51			
33.80	Assoc Nursg	206	+ 4	1.4	12.0
70.80	Bespak	280	+ 2	4.6	14.4
28.10	Care UK	7	+ 1		
46.80	Celsis	78	- 1		
65.90	Chiroscience	97			
42.00	Cortecs	36			
79.70	Community H	240		4.1	13.7
58.80	CrestaCare	31	+ ½	3.1	
25.80	Enviromed	112		1.8	
9.09	Ferraris Group	86		3.3	
66.20	Goldsborough	151	+ 1½	1.3	
17.70	Greenacre	10		4.2	13.3
14.20	Intercare Gp	50		9.3	
35.00	Ixotron	280			
230.60	Lee Sciences	133	+ 1	3.9	13.2
302.90	Loo Ind	91	+ 6		
33.70	Nestor-BNA	45		8.3	11.1
4.34	Premier Health	1½			
35.40	Quality Care	253		2.2	14.7
88.30	Scholl	137	- 1	3.7	12.6
132.50	Seton Health	320	+ 1	2.7	16.3
10.40	Shield Diag	56			
1,667.70	Smith & Neph	153	- ½	4.1	16.9
1.09	Specialty Ins				
275.70	Takare	220	- 2	1.2	16.2
461.20	UniChem	268	- 1	1.2	14.4
175.40	West Healthcare	344	+ 1	1.6	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
48.30	Airsprung	202		3.9	12.8
9.90	BLP Group	143		0.9	40.9
2.95	Biston Brosea	35			
41.20	Cowell Plc 'A'	102	- 3	7.6	22.8
7.66	Coughton Nlt	170		5.7	11.2
49.10	Denby Group	157	- 1	2.7	
6.56	Gartech	12		3.9	
9.32	Lowther	4½			
35.10	Maxtom	177	- 4	4.2	11.6
146.00	Ontime Inl	273	- 2	4.9	12.2
24.00	Osborne & Little	392		2.4	11.5
109.60	Paterson Zoch	445		3.3	13.0
96.40	Paterson Zoch 'A'	419		4.7	12.1
2,725.10	Reckitt Colm	587	- 10	3.5	14.3
56.00	Relyon	164	- 6	3.6	16.3
92.30	Silentnight	199	- 5	5.0	12.5
15.90	Suedwich	36½	- 1	7.3	17.7
12.90	Tomkinson	205	- 1	4.3	11.1
8.80	Victoria Carpet	130		4.3	7.0
118.10	Walker Greenbank	102		4.4	13.2
411.10	Wilton Wood	58			41.5
3.16	Wood (Arthur)	135		2.4	22.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
544.80	Alex & Alext	1243¾	+ 6¼	5.4	
3,818.50	Am Gen	1525	- 37½	4.1	
80.10	Angerton	89		3.7	7.4
20.80	Acme	57	- 1		
57.80	Brookfield	94		7.9	
752.70	Britannic	397	- 2	4.1	
32.80	CUM Insce	36		2.0	62.6
3,354.60	Comm Union	547	- 5½	4.9	10.1
49.42	Delian	97		0.8	
112.50	Domi & Gen	1655		2.1	17.7
110.50	FAI	37		1.3	
65.80	FBD E	162½	- ½	4.2	7.6
57.80	Fenchurch Grp	162	- 2	6.4	
28.90	Frizzy Undo	96½	- ½	1.7	65.2
2,287.70	Gen Accident	515	- 10	6.5	3.1
1,455.20	GRE	150½	- 2½	5.5	12.5
60.10	HCG Lloyds	92		1.6	77.5
151.90	Heath C E	240	- 2	9.1	
96.80	Highman E	197½	- ½	5.2	7.0
32.40	Hitchin Select	100			
119.00	Independent	257	- 6	4.1	
576.90	Irish Life	156	- 6	6.2	17.7
161.00	JB Group	126		7.4	11.6
2,116.80	Legal & Gen	437	- 3	5.6	17.2
3,695.30	Liberty Life	1556	- 49¼	6.8	5.9
27.20	London Ins Mart	59		2.5	34.5
125.10	Lloyd Thomp	151		6.1	10.6
2,293.70	Lincoln Abbey	334	- 2	7.0	10.9
62.30	Lombard Inc	175		5.5	16.7
34.50	Lemon & Mon	310	- 3	6.5	15.4
27.20	London Ins Mkt	46		2.5	34.5
28.10	Lowndes Lam	192	- 1	6.6	10.0
3,796.00	Marsh McLn	5073¾	- 50	3.6	
38.20	Muirhead	96			
31.40	Nelson Hurst	80		3.9	12.6
51.60	New London Cap	89		1.5	
24.30	Orme	102		6.1	
14.90	Premium Trust	75		3.3	
14.50	Premium Under	110			
6,004.60	Prudential	315	- 2	5.4	13.0
10.80	PWS	35		10.7	5.8
338.00	Refuge	242	- 2	5.9	16.2
1,616.30	Royal	273	+ 3	4.0	5.8
819.10	Sedgwick	150	- 3	5.0	17.0
58.00	Steel Burrill	121	- 1	3.3	
32.90	Sturge Hldg	65	- 4	6.0	
2,334.00	Sun Alliance	258½	- 6½	6.5	8.9
23.60	Syndicate Cap	89		1.8	70.9
111.50	Trade Indemnity	81	+ 1	1.6	13.6
994.20	Transatlantic	329	- 2	4.6	29.3
362.80	Utd Friendly	488	+ 5	4.6	24.0
573.80	Willis Corroon	137	- 3	6.0	16.2
7.17	Windsor	22		2.9	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,950.60	3i	334		2.8	
40.50	Abtrust Emergt	81	+ ½	0.3	
32.06	Abtrust High Inc	96	- ½	6.9	
94.20	Abtrust N Dawn	218		6.6	
877.90	Alliance	1740	+ 13	3.4	
213.00	American Trust	256		2.6	
3.45	Ladbry (D) AI	11½		4.5	
55.49	UK Hdgst	35		4.1	12.2
7.13	AIS Ind	26		7.5	15.7
22.60	Mass Brosco	137		3.6	10.1
385.70	Mchechnet	396	+ 5½	1.7	23.3
162.40	Megnut	75	- ½	6.5	12.1
94.50	Meldar	104		4.5	17.3
20.20	Melses	131		2.5	18.2
166.30	Melvins	495		4.0	10.0
698.00	Mercury Cbtal	119	+ 7	5.0	15.5
23.60	Morris Ashby	204	- 1	3.8	14.6
8.59	Nestbendt	35	+ 1	4.5	17.6
13.20	Neotronics	51		6.3	11.0
2.09	Newman (L)	45			
19.30	Oak Ind	39½		5.5	
163.10	Oxford Inst	335	+ 3	1.9	19.6
207.60	Powerscreen	237	- 10	4.0	10.0
30.60	Prospect Indst	18½	+ ¼	7.2	7.5
0.99	Radiant Metal	73			
36.40	Ransomes	64			
28.00	Record	84		5.4	18.9
150.80	Renishaw	280	+ 5	2.9	23.7
124.20	Renold	187	+ 2	2.0	25.9
4.86	Richards (Leics)	58		4.8	41.5
27.70	Richardson Wes	77		5.3	16.3
2,290.70	Rolls-Royce	179½	+ 3½	3.5	31.7
145.60	Rotork	170		2.3	17.3
31.20	Rubicon	149		4.0	16.1
37.10	Senior Eng	82		5.2	13.4
26.60	Servomex	366		3.1	28.4
2,386.10	Siebe	557½	- 1½	2.6	17.8
134.50	Simon Eng	86			
43.60	Sir Hanstead	81		2.3	28.0
674.10	SKF 'B'	1058½	+ 100		
1,311.40	Smiths Indt	438	- 3	3.7	18.8
350.10	Spirax-Sarco	460	- 2	2.8	19.1
63.60	Sterling Indt	227	+ 1½	4.6	14.7
1,787.80	TI	382	+	3.7	21.1
7.21	Tinsley (E)	100		7.1	16.3
56.00	Transtec Tech	58	- 1	7.1	8.3
84.10	Triplex Lloyd	130		6.7	
34.70	Utd Inds	15½	- 1	0.8	
515.70	VSEL	1358		3.3	12.7
22.20	Verson	15	+ ½		
570.30	Vickers	172	+ 2	2.5	18.3
108.70	Victaulic	246	+ 3	4.1	13.5
11.20	Villers Grp	9½			
217.90	Vinten	529		1.9	13.8
230.30	Vosper Thornyt	772		3.3	15.6
210.20	Watson Ind	453		5.1	22.7
549.80	Weir	280	+ 1	3.0	16.7
49.70	Wellman	41	+ ½	3.0	66.9
89.70	Whatman	390	+ 9	3.4	14.7
36.80	Whessoe	125		2.3	
479.60	Anglo & Overs	420	+ 2	2.1	
43.10	Baillie Gifford Sh	150	+ 1		
295.00	Bankers	184	+ ½	2.6	
55.10	Baring Em Eu	44½	- 1½	0.3	
164.20	Baring Tribune	320	+ 1	2.6	
11.50	Berry Starq	22		1.2	
245.60	Br Assets	90		6.0	
120.40	Br Empire Sec	30½		1.3	
4.26	Br Empire Wts	32			
635.60	Br Invt	255		3.0	
63.10	Brochain	101	+ ½	0.3	
145.30	Brenner	227		2.9	
35.60	BZW Convt	130		7.5	
75.70	Candover	338		4.1	
104.00	Central Euro Gwth	52	- ½		
33.30	China & Eastern	162	- 2	2.7	
40.70	Conti Assets	166		2.0	
5.84	Dartae Inv Inc	60		13.0	
47.30	Derby Cap	318	+ 3		
18.90	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
7.33	Drayton Blue	62		16.9	
45.10	Drytn Eng Inkt	27		1.1	
164.20	Drytn Far East	72½	+ ½	0.8	
205.60	Dunedin Inc G	643	+ 1	5.1	
35.80	Dunedin Japan	63½			
50.60	Dunedin Smllr	307	- 1	3.7	
2.02	Dunedin Wts	38½			
247.20	Dunedin Wrldwd	139	+ 1	1.6	
266.30	Edin Dragon	100½			
35.40	Edinburgh Inca	43	- 1½	4.1	
888.70	Edinburgh	302½	- 1½	3.7	
16.10	EFM Japan	101	+ 1		
552.90	Elecra Inv	320		3.9	
171.60	Electric Gen	193		2.2	
8.16	Eng & Caledon	132		3.7	
1.46	English Scot	111	+ 2		
68.60	European Assets	215	- 1	2.1	
19.70	Fidelity Euro Val	153	- 1	0.2	
124.50	Fidelity Jap Val	23			
37.50	Fidelity Wts	55		2.4	
24.70	First Scottish	65	- 2	0.5	
159.90	Fleming Amer	283		0.5	
44.90	Fleming Chinese	74½	- ½	0.8	
4.26	Fleming Ch Wts	35			
112.30	Fleming Claver	203		3.4	
195.20	Fleming Contl	359	- 2	0.9	
15.30	Fleming Em Mkts	158½			
82.40	Fleming Ent	206		2.9	
505.00	Fleming F East	334		0.6	
45.00	Fleming Fledg	357½	- 1½	1.0	
30.80	Fleming Hi Inct	55	- 1	5.9	
72.20	Fleming Indust	86	- 2	0.7	
7.56	Fleming Hi Wts	45			
26.00	Fleming Ind	35		12.7	
446.10	Fleming Japan	258	+ 1		
337.40	Fleming Merc	275		3.0	
385.10	Fleming Overs	259	- 2	1.8	
1,428.40	Foreign & Col	138	+ 2	1.6	
33.40	For & Col Em Gent	131	+ 1½	1.7	
120.70	Frgn Emg Mkt	120½	- 2		
66.30	Frgn Enterprise	70½		1.1	
131.70	Frgn Eurotst	218		0.7	
47.20	Frgn German	130		0.5	
363.70	Frgn Pacac	316	+ 1	1.0	
57.40	Frgn PEP	121	- 1	3.6	
368.20	Frgn Smaller	180½	+ ½	1.6	
48.70	Frgn US Smlr	37	+ 1		
3.85	Fulcrum Cap	24			
5.17	Fulcrum Inc	46		23.5	
12.20	Fulcrum Zero	141	+ ½		
96.00	Gartmore Ent	150		4.6	
21.80	Gartmore Euro	129	- 1	0.9	
29.60	Gartmore Smit	87	+ 1	14.2	
29.60	Gmore Smr Cos	29½	+ 1	3.5	
33.10	Gartmore Inc	100		10.4	
17.00	Genl Cons Cap	139			
38.00	Genl Inc	195		10.4	
35.10	German Inv	50	- ½	0.1	
87.00	Govt Asian Sm Cos	232	- 2	0.1	
42.70	Govt Eng Mkt	119½	- ½	0.3	
36.70	Govt Am Str	143	- 1		
18.30	Govt Oth Smlr	84			
40.25	Govt Pgt Inct	84	+ 1	7.0	
664.70	Govt Oriental	361		0.4	
332.70	Govt Strategic	237	- 1	3.6	
46.20	Greenfriar	402		2.1	
0.81	Gresham House	19	+ 13		
162.30	GT Japan	244	+ 2	3.6	
73.10	H Govett Smlr Co	119½		1.1	
30.50	Hend High	117	+ 1½	6.0	
46.30	Hend Strat	277		0.2	
59.10	Hendc	9½			
106.10	HTR Jap Smaller	106		0.5	
9.45	I&S Eur	15			
28.70	I&S UK Smllrs	99		3.5	
314.20	Inv Cap	127		5.1	
	Int Biotech	87			
	Int Wts	32			
34.30	INVESCO Korea	149	+ ½		
27.60	J Fry 2nd Ut	35		8.4	
10.00	J Fry Euro U	94		6.4	
140.40	JF Fledg Jap	223	- 1		
25.70	Jupiter Ut Grth	102		4.2	
161.20	Kleinwort Cht	199	- 2	3.2	
399.10	Murray Intl	332	- 1	4.7	
10.56	Murray S/C DP	164			
7.28	Murray S/C Cap	130	+ 1		
6.24	Murray S/C Inc	78		17.0	
1.58	Murray S/C Uts	3050		4.3	
257.50	Murray Smaller	459	- 4	1.2	
76.10	Murray Vent	306		4.7	
1.54	Murray Ent Wts	32			
1.00	Murray Ex Wts	16¾			
5.70	Newmarket	18			
22.70	Nsetrog Inc	58		8.3	
16.10	Nsetrog Cap	65	- 3		
122.20	Overseas Inv Tst	347	- 2	1.2	
3.55	Overseas Wts	198	- 1		
96.50	Pacific Assets	473	- 4	0.3	
12.30	Pacific Wts	380	- 3		
34.30	Perpetual Jap	94			
13.50	Personal Assets	1850	+ 150	2.8	
48.30	Pilot Inv	125		1.6	
8.86	Pipe Euro Sm	88	+ 1		
63.70	Prolific Inc	91			
318.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	176	+ 2	1.1	
10.10	River Merc Am Cap	27	+ ½		
7.58	River Merc Am Inct	101		9.7	
0.77	River Merc Am Wts	10½	- ¼		
48.30	River Merc Cap	130	- 1		
32.30	River Merc Ex Inc	87	+ 1	11.2	
0.30	River Merc Ex Wrnt	15			
11.60	River Merc Grd Inc	83		11.3	
9.10	River Merc Grd Ptf	26			
22.10	River Merc Tst Inct	110		10.5	
1.39	River Merc Wt	23			
31.80	River Merc Smr Co	126		4.1	
1.56	River Merc Smr Wt	32			
	Robeco	408		3.1	
	Rolinco	417		1.9	
116.00	Schrod Jap Gwth	98			
3.75	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	39	+ 1		
58.00	Schrod Korea Fd	879	- 10	0.1	
5.10	Schrod Korea Fd Wt	463½	- 5½		
41.30	Sch Spl Zero Div	109½	+ 1		
8.35	Sch Split Fd Cap	29½			
62.80	Sch Split Fd Inct	111		8.4	
21.60	Schrod UK Gwth	92	+ ½	2.0	
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	33			
534.90	Scottish	208½	- 1	3.1	
345.50	Scot American	154½		3.9	
54.60	Scot Asian	260			
4.73	Scot Wts	685			
525.90	Scot Eastern	83		2.4	
791.70	Scot Mtge	219½	- ½	2.4	
145.30	Scot Nat Tst	91		10.3	
53.30	Scot Value	108	- 1	2.4	
291.50	Second Allnce	1518	+ 8	3.5	
365.86	Secs Tst of Scot	83	+ ½	4.9	
31.30	Selective Asset	143		1.3	
17.10	SHIRESCOT	131		5.2	
43.70	Sphere Inv	36		13.4	
104.30	St Andrew Inv	303		3.3	
198.80	Temple Bar	347	+ 1	4.8	
105.20	Thmn Asian E	105	- 1	0.6	
16.90	Throg Dual Cp	483			
222.30	Throgmorton	73½		3.9	
477.40	Tolion Emg Mkt	119	- ½	0.7	
301.30	TR City Of Lon	147½	+ ½	4.4	
68.20	TR Far East	145	- 1	5.0	
147.40	TR Pacific	110	- ½	0.2	
133.40	TR Property	31½		3.6	
127.00	TR Smr Cos	183½		2.6	
37.60	TR Tech Inv	103½	+ ½	2.1	
20.50	Fedey Inst	306	- 3	1.2	
94.90	USDC Invest	232		2.4	
50.00	Value Inc Tst	116	+ 1½	4.5	
13.00	Wigmore	64		1.0	
863.20	Witan	230	- 1	3.2	
24.40	Yeoman Inct	99		17.3	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
180.70	1st Choice	113		3.9	..
3.69	Aerdn Sth H	30			
493.50	Airtours	434	+ 3	3.5	10.5
11.50	Ald Leis	17	- 1		
217.20	Alpha Airpts	144	+ 1	3.5	
7.90	Arcadian	40			
31.50	Barbican	115		3.8	19.8
22.30	Barr & W 'A'	224	- 7	5.6	9.7
100.50	Bluebird Toys	229		3.3	6.8
65.30	Boosey Hawks	333	+ 1	1.9	19.7
10.50	Brent Walker	3			
11.10	Bristol Scotts	183		2.0	
2.41	Buckingham Int	2			
68.80	Chrysalis	256	+ 6	1.6	37.8
155.70	City Centre Rest	81		2.7	16.4
802.10	Compass Gp	337	+ 5	3.5	
62.90	Eurocamp	239		5.2	9.9
1,040.50	Euro Disney	136	+ 13		
19.90	Euro Leisure	2½			
15.50	Fairline Boats	442	+ 2	4.5	
447.70	First Leisure	274	+ 4	3.0	18.2
2,265.60	Forte	240	- 4	3.9	28.4
34.60	Friendly Hotels	174		4.1	29.1
7.24	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
2,988.20	Granada	510	+ 5	2.5	16.4
18.00	Hi-Tec Sports	37		9.4	5.4
11.10	Hornby	134		8.4	11.7
52.70	Jurys Hotel	158	+ ½	4.4	14.1
36.70	Kunick	15½	+ 1	4.2	
198.90	London Clubs	281	- 1	5.3	14.3
1,986.70	Ladbroke	171		2.5	31.2
3.61	Magnolia	63	- 1	0.2	
78.70	Man Utd	129		4.1	
508.90	Manzana Grnd	74¾	+ 1½	4.3	19.5
33.50	Mt Vista Town	11½			
21.40	Northern	66		5.7	10.9
57.30	Pelican Gp	81		1.9	16.9
65.40	PizzaExpress	132		2.0	18.8
9.24	Prism Leisure	111		4.7	7.8
9.17	Quadrant Grp	25			
21.30	Ramsdens (H)	241		2.2	37.2
2,461.10	Rank Org	412½	+ 11½	3.8	26.8
17.30	Regal Hotels	26		5.0	14.8
261.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913		0.5	
408.30	Stakis	85½	- ½	1.8	30.8
194.70	Stanley Leisure	244	+ 8	1.9	19.4
1,050.40	Tenpay	280		0.7	15.7
4,413.40	Thorn EMI	1035	+ 15	4.2	19.8
24.50	Tottenham Hot	153		0.8	41.1
62.60	VCI	181		1.6	14.4
101.20	Vardon	137		1.1	24.2
12.50	Wembley	5			
5.38	Zetters Gp	135		7.9	

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
157.80	Abbott Mead	330	+ 1	2.2	30.7
53.40	Aegis	300		2.7	21.5
240.20	Aegis Gp	29½			
7.91	Allied Radio	9½			
1.08	B&B Design	13			6.7
26.40	Barbour Index	156	- 2	6.8	13.5
5.33	Bitable	6	- ½		
4.97	Black (A&C)	320		3.3	11.6
222.40	Blenheim Gp	243	- 5	5.4	9.0
21.20	Border Tv	199	+ 3	1.6	16.5
50.00	Bristol	368		4.2	37.4
4,299.10	B Sky B	255½	- 1		48.3
203.40	Scot TV	422		3.7	28.3
32.90	SelecTV	23			
54.80	Shandwick	40½	- ½	1.3	6.1
36.80	Southnews	249	+ 3	1.7	24.1
45.70	Startup Pub	98		4.7	9.2
6.91	Sunset & Vine	121	- 3	4.1	10.6
76.20	Taylor Nelson	34½	- ½	2.2	21.0
512.40	Telegraph	379		4.3	13.4
4,423.10	Thomson Corp	765	+ 10	4.9	38.2
254.50	Trinity Intl	371	- 1	3.4	17.1
69.80	Ulster TV	665	- 9	3.1	20.4
1,151.10	Utd Newspapers	471	- 2	6.0	11.4
11.10	VTR	106		4.7	11.4
8.58	WASSI	13		10.0	6.1
788.90	WPP	109½	+ 3½	1.2	15.7
194.60	Yorkshire TV	383	+ 4		
53.60	CIA Gp	131		1.7	21.2
250.00	Capital Radio	343	+ 3	2.6	
2,061.90	Carlton Comm	896½	+ 4½	2.9	17.1
6.99	City of Lon	69		6.7	13.6
68.00	Daily Mail	1359¾		1.5	32.8
1,006.00	Daily Mail 'A'	1009¾		2.1	24.4
207.70	Dorling Kind	321	+ 8	1.3	34.4
783.70	EMAP	397	+ 6	2.8	21.9
4,363.80	Elsevier	664	+ 14	2.9	21.3
358.40	Euromoney Pbt	1643	+ 8	3.2	
4.30	Fitch	11½			
373.00	Flextech	400	- 14		
61.40	GWR Gp	883		1.9	
42.80	Gold Greenless	162		3.1	19.3
10.50	Goodhead	26		0.2	
45.10	Grampian	389	- 5	3.1	17.1
116.40	HTV Group	135		1.6	30.2
3.52	Harrington K	36		3.6	
45.30	Haynes Pub	290		3.9	17.2
115.20	Hodder H'line	330		2.6	53.7
16.30	Home Counts	162		3.9	39.7
327.90	Independent	273		2.8	14.1
90.00	Intl Bus Comm	231		1.9	11.2
6.85	Intereurope	133		7.3	
198.10	Johnston Press	147		1.6	20.6
10.60	Lopex	28	- 1	1.6	22.6
56.10	MAID	69	- 1		
53.50	Metal Bulletin	549	+ 5	2.6	28.1
155.80	Midland Ind	113		3.1	15.5
536.50	Mirror Gp	129	- 2	1.0	6.8
119.90	More O'Ferrall	359	+ 4	4.5	21.3
4,766.20	News Corp	256	+ 6	0.6	15.6
1,498.70	News Intl	217	+ 12	0.8	11.5
8.11	Osprey Comms	31		0.4	
3,063.20	Pearson	555	- 7	3.0	19.1
75.60	Phonelink	213			
72.40	Portsmth Sundt	603		2.3	12.4
46.00	Quarto	250		3.0	13.6
4,494.80	Reed Intl	796	+ 5	3.0	24.1
7,797.90	Reuters	467½	- 6½	1.8	23.4
327.50	Saatchi	149	+ 4		29.0
52.00	Scott Radio	565		3.0	

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.21	Alex Corp	85		4.0	
930.50	Ang Am Coal	3693¾		2.8	19.3
8,710.70	Ang Am	3740¾	+ 53¾	2.8	33.7
1,566.60	Ang Am Gold	6487¾	- 137¾	4.2	16.8
20.20	Anglo Pac Res	26	- ½		
1,158.40	Ashanti	1381½	- 3¾		
307.60	Ashton	110	- 1	5.0	
16,519.00	Broken Hill	997	+ 5	2.2	38.5
38.80	Balrychik	245			
364.30	Bailmo	387½	- 4½	4.6	21.6
3.55	Beicha	34		2.5	29.4
25.30	Bryvoors	105½	- 6½		
148.40	Buffelsfontein	37	- 2		
2.51	Bracken	18	- ½	5.0	
64.20	Buffels	583¼	- 6¼	9.4	
9.40	Butte	4	+ ¼		
5,363.20	CRA	801	+ 3	2.5	39.9
	Central Pacific	46			
30.10	Cluff Res	41½	+ ½		
44.50	Coal Inv	76			
12.90	Cons Murchison	206	+ 7	3.1	
5,655.60	De Beers	1487½	+ 6¼	3.6	15.5
103.70	Deelkraal	104½	- 4½	3.5	9.0
27.90	Doornfontein	69½	+ 3		
1,980.30	Driefontein	979½	+ 17¼	4.8	12.9
14.90	Durban	639½	+ 4½		
77.10	E Rand Gold	168		12.3	5.4
100.70	E Rand Prop	76	- ½		
60.40	Eastern Trans	78		3.3	16.6
375.80	Elandsrand	387½	- 4½	4.2	8.8
1,132.00	Eng China Cl	357½	- 8½	5.5	17.7
1,159.80	FS Cons	974¾	+ 17¾	6.0	11.9
13.30	FS Dev	60		2.1	
1,798.20	GFSA	1862¾		2.0	27.3
487.00	GM Kalgoorie	51		2.9	18.0
3,122.60	Gencor	227	+ ½	1.2	28.0
12.10	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
13.90	Greenwich R 'A'	15¾			
18.50	Grootvlei	161¾	- 1½	5.9	8.4
90.50	Gwalia Cons	87¼	+ ¼	1.1	10.2
166.30	Harmony	618¼	+ 44¼		
331.50	Hartest	296	+ 5	9.1	9.2
995.40	Impala Plat	1575	+ 31¼	1.6	48.0
153.80	Kidston	123	+ 1	9.8	11.1
195.60	Kinross	1087½		4.5	14.9
1,312.20	Kloof	946¼	+ 21½	3.9	8.5
19.40	Leslie	121½	- 11½	8.9	7.0
46.60	Lorraine	284½	- 13		
18.10	Meikle	21			
0.60	Mhangura	3			
1,581.50	MIM	113	+ 2	2.2	
3,333.40	Minorco	1475		2.5	
92.30	Monarch	171	- 1		
55.60	NSM	93	+ 1		8.7
1,164.90	Nth Broken Hill	174	+ 3	3.1	24.5
	Oryx Gold	50			
108.80	Pancontinental	85			
53.40	Petaling Tin	366		0.5	
1,135.60	Placer Pac	182	+ 36		
150.60	RJB	333	- 15	4.6	16.1
8,824.10	RTZ	827	- 3	3.1	23.6
4.98	Rasbwood	31			
387.70	Rand Mines	650		1.7	57.2
444.50	Randfontein	727	- 4½	6.8	9.2
477.20	Renison	240			
2,192.80	Rustnbg	1750	+ 56½	1.7	
	St Barbara	77	+ 9		
60.00	St Helena	623½	+ 5	7.1	
163.80	Sons Gwalia	230		5.4	14.3
55.60	Sthern Pacific	31	- 1		
482.20	Southvaal	1781¼	+ 12½	4.9	29.4
2.52	Stanian	12			
3.77	Stilfontein	74½	- ¼	28.9	2.5
53.20	Unisel	189½	+ 14	3.2	14.4
1,108.80	Vaal Reefs	5800	+ 126¾	4.4	9.4
12.30	Wankie Col Z	12		10.3	2.9
110.90	Watts Blake	303		2.9	20.1
454.10	Western Areas	1126¾	+ 3½	4.6	14.4
717.40	Western Deep	2587½	- 28¼	4.0	8.8
4,186.70	Western Mng	379	+ 6	1.0	56.2
107.00	Winkels	878¾	- 9½	5.5	12.2
58.80	Zambia Copper	48	- 5		
62.50	Zandpan	48		9.4	10.7

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
112.50	Aran Energy	43	- ½		26.0
23.00	Arcon Intl	40			
	Aes Oil & Gas	56½	- ½		
16.10	Awna Pal	51	- 1		
99.90	Br Borneo	222	- 2	4.0	10.4
13,621.30	British Gas	314	+ 3½	5.8	
23,411.00	Br Petroleum	425½	- 4½	2.8	33.3
18.80	Bula Resources	2½			
1,630.00	Burmah Castrol	815	+ 16	4.2	16.2
53.10	Cairn Energy	82			45.2
456.60	Calor Gp	271	+ 5	5.8	13.1
155.10	Clyde Pet	38	- 1	1.2	
17.40	Copley Res	10½	- 1½		
43.30	Dragon Oil	2½			
7.47	Edin Oil & Gs	21½			23.2
1,953.80	Enterprise	332		5.1	
65.60	Fairhaven Intl	37		4.5	11.0
68.90	Flogas	280		5.8	11.6
58.30	Fortune	5½	+ ¼		35.1
65.80	Goal Pet	64	+ 1	2.8	21.3
46.40	Gt Western Res	41			
157.10	Hardy O & G	139		0.9	17.8
79.20	Kelt Energy	52		3.2	20.9
1,419.10	Lasmo	147	+ 3½	0.9	
3.69	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
429.20	Monument	64½	- ½		68.9
9.31	New London	7½			
5,758.00	Norsk Hydro	2512¾	+ 3½	1.3	
6.59	Oceonics	4¾			
140.80	Oil Search	46	+ 1		
	Petroz	34½	+ 1½		
81.20	Pict Pet	157			
136.80	Premier	25	- ½		13.6
10.90	Presidio	43		15.5	
50.70	Pittencrieff Rs	88			
42.10	Ramco Egy	221	+ 12	0.3	
375.10	Ranger	385	+ 2	5.3	
37,345.20	Royal Dutch Fl	6946¼	+ 31¼	4.6	18.0
7,837.30	Schlumberger	3218¾	- 68¾	2.4	
5.63	Scot Pickard	48		2.3	9.2
44.70	Seafield	87			
23,072.40	Shell	696	- 1	4.5	21.1
3.40	Sumrise Eng Sv	#116			
8,317.00	Total	3758	- 140¾	4.8	
11.20	Vibes Grp	9½			
1,620.00	Woodside	243	+ 4	1.6	
86.90	XCL	46	- 3		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
15.10	BHD	79	+ 3	6.6	6.4
35.30	Baltic Plc	129	+ 5	1.9	8.2
5.08	Berry Bcn Nbi	78		6.2	11.6
92.10	Soltec Inv	155	+ 2		
23.50	Brewin Dolphin	114		6.4	8.4

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
281.30	Brit Biotech	541			
33.90	Cantab Pharms	345			
167.10	Celltech	236			
65.90	Chiroscience	97			
42.00	Cortecs	38			
760.20	Fisons	110		3.1	
20,224.10	Glaxo	662	- 11	5.1	16.0
69.50	Grampian Hdg	100		6.9	18.5
455.30	Medeva	163	- 6	2.2	13.7
4.34	Premier Hlth	1½			
35.40	Quality Care	253		2.2	14.7
172.90	Scotia	274			
10.40	Shield Diag	56			
6,244.70	SmithKline	453½	- 12½	3.4	17.7
5,528.20	SmithKline Ut	422	- 11	3.6	16.4
6,098.70	Wellcome	701	- 4	3.1	15.9
8,315.30	Zeneca	879	- 4	3.9	17.7

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22.70	AG Holdings	126		5.5	11.9
81.10	APH	379	+ 3½	3.0	
1,938.70	Arjo Wiggins	237	- 2	3.4	35.7
23.80	Ashley Corrs	165		3.8	18.8
120.80	Bemrose	380	+ 9	4.1	13.6
74.60	Blagden	103		1.8	48.2
2,175.00	Bowater	435	+ 9	3.8	16.3
617.10	Bowater Inct	1684¾	- 68¾		
71.50	Boxmore Intl	260		2.0	15.9
151.80	Br Polythene	502	+ 3	3.1	17.6
5.30	Br Thornton	33	+ 3	17.9	2.8
161.60	Britton Grp	117		2.7	17.2
733.80	Bunzl	172½	+ ½	3.0	20.3
39.90	Capital Inds	144		3.9	11.3
1,762.70	Carnaud Mb	2184½	- 43¾	2.2	16.9
23.30	Cropper (James)	282		1.5	14.8
1,816.10	De La Rue	841	+ 7	2.8	17.1
6.78	Delyn Group	80		2.6	14.5
24.10	Dolphin Pack	103		5.5	13.2
20.49	Fairway Group	92	- 1	4.7	17.2
121.00	Ferguson Intl	298	- 5	5.3	12.0
16.20	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
1.02	Headgrand				
84.10	Inveresk	160	+ 3	3.9	9.6
130.80	Jarvis Porter	280		2.4	18.3
393.60	Low & Bonar	400	+ 2	3.2	16.0
67.60	MY Holdings	50	- 2	4.0	11.9
206.40	Macfarlane	257		2.0	28.7
77.60	Mysoft	163	+ 2	5.4	23.3
865.90	Portals	1026	+ 8	2.0	27.8
324.10	St Ives Gp	327	+ 5	2.4	17.7
1,691.60	Scapa	1126½	+ 1½	0.5	
7.06	Senf	8½			
135.80	Selfart	198	- 5	6.9	
763.70	Smith (David)	503	- 4	3.0	
2,805.90	Smurfit (Jeff)	374	+ 1	1.5	53.4
1.94	Somact	97		3.5	19.4
3.63	Unit Group	34			
188.20	Wace	240	+ 7	2.1	15.3
219.40	Waddington (J)	212		5.1	10.4
277.90	Wassrough	413		2.1	26.1
30.70	Wyndeham	139		2.8	17.7

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
64.00	Allied Lon	92		5.3	11.8
143.30	Argent	261			
10.10	Asleian Ests	75	+ 1		
88.10	Acda	112	- 1	2.5	19.9
220.60	Bilton	251	+ 5	4.8	18.2
103.70	Baddyt	213		4.0	15.7
2.79	Bolton Gp	15			45.8
40.00	Bourne End	72		1.3	
274.70	Bradford	185	+ 1	4.6	15.6
8.54	Brightstone	122	- 1	3.8	27.6
1,177.70	Br Land	384	+ 3½	2.5	36.5
400.80	Brixton	172	- 6	5.9	15.3
273.50	Burford	92	+ 2	2.2	29.8
97.00	CLS Hldgs	98	- 1	8.2	
62.50	Cap & Regnl	137		1.5	31.0
749.80	Cap Shop Ctrs	306	+ 1	3.9	48.6
8.85	Cardiff Prop	228		1.4	51.0
88.80	Cattley Ind	24½			
251.00	Chelsfield	160		1.9	54.3
84.90	Chesterfield	433	+ 1	3.8	19.4
45.80	Chesterton Int	88		4.7	12.4
8.00	City Site Ests	52			18.4
9.75	Clarke Nickolls	6		2.1	12.5
6.45	Compco	77½		6.3	
34.70	Conrad Ritblat GS	28		2.2	25.4
194.80	Daejan	1195	- 5	3.0	13.9
3.50	Davis Estates	10	+ 1		
2.60	De Morgan	9½			
39.80	Debenham Twsn	96		4.6	15.4
30.49	Dencora	163		2.5	45.8
75.30	Derwent Hldgs	242	+ 2	2.4	21.6
55.20	Development Sec	19		0.7	
23.60	Dwyer	46	+ 1	2.1	
9.17	Elsco	31			
21.00	Estates Agency	350		4.6	
5.03	Estates Gen	23½			
148.50	Evans Of Leeds	112	+ 7	2.9	18.7
26.70	Ex-Lands	24		3.2	
38.40	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
24.40	Five Oaks	25		3.5	10.5
2.78	Fletcher King	32		6.0	15.6
13.50	Folkes Group	44		4.3	
10.40	Folkes Group Nv	41		4.6	23.3
211.50	Frogmore	418	- 4	5.1	15.1
58.10	Grainger	242	+ 3½	3.0	
592.20	Gt Portland	183	- 1	6.6	31.3
155.60	Greycoat	123½	+ ½	0.6	
126.80	Hambro Cntys	38½		0.8	30.1
982.40	Hammerson	347	- 3	3.6	34.8
51.80	Helical Bar	318		2.4	11.4
46.60	Hemingway	28½	- ½	1.8	48.9
3.30	Herring Baker	30		6.2	
2.24	High-Point	45		1.4	
3,381.10	HK Land	125½	- 2½	5.1	
15.40	Jermyn	154			77.1
3,039.60	Land Secs	586	- 8	5.1	17.7
3.64	Lon & Metro	8			0.3
231.50	Lon Merch Sect	95	+ ½	5.5	14.0
1,554.70	MEPC	382	- 13	6.5	20.8
3.91	Mckinney A	6½			
39.00	McKay Secs	183	- 4	4.8	16.1
11.10	Marmala Mre	65		3.8	10.4
20.20	Moorfield Est	30		4.2	
51.60	Mountview	1125		3.5	8.7
144.40	Muckow (A&J)	148		5.3	19.7
9.82	ORB	8½			1.0
15.70	Olives Prop	32			11.9
185.80	PSIT	136		4.3	19.2
189.40	Peel	237		2.4	45.0
167.50	Pillar Prop	148		3.1	
3.20	Power Corp	2½			
14.20	Premier Land	6½	- ½		
10.50	RPS Group	70		4.6	12.6
52.90	Raglan	32			7.8
32.80	Regalian	28	+ ½		8.9
19.40	Rowlinson Secs	155	- 5	1.5	9.9
17.70	Rugby Est	98		2.9	
56.80	St Modwen Prp	48½		3.1	12.1
62.60	Savile Grde (J)	82	+ 2	5.4	18.1
20.80	Savills	55		5.1	8.9
93.90	Scot Metr	72		3.5	8.4
41.80	Shaftesbury	86		1.5	
917.20	Slough Estates	235	- 3	4.3	50.3
59.20	Southend Propt	55	+ ½	5.5	
22.80	Speyhawk Shops	103		2.9	
13.30	Stanhope Pps	48			
51.60	TBI	40	+ 1		1.8
75.90	Tops Ests	164	+ 1	1.7	41.6
127.90	Town Centre	99		3.8	18.3
57.00	Trafford Park	84	+ 1	4.7	
19.10	Trenchwood	33			
1.73	UK Land	48	+ 1		
104.00	Warner	214		8.5	20.6
86.40	Warnford	225		4.4	18.4
2.01	Wellingdale	2			
142.80	Wates	72	+ 1		
5.25	Whaney Mck	34	- 2		
5.33	Wood John D	65		3.8	
2.35	WRM	17	+ 1		
530.30	Caledonia	638	+ 15	3.2	17.4
53.10	Camellia	2125		1.9	5.7
35.80	Carpe	22½	+ 1½	1.4	
145.10	Cater Allen	445	- 13	7.9	9.2
198.80	Cattles	145	- 4	4.5	18.2
8.19	Christie	35			77.3
11.90	ClapMhet	72	+ 1	4.6	
8.55	EFG	14		0.9	9.1
23.80	EFT Group	62		3.5	13.1
138.30	EFM	729		4.1	21.9
195.90	Export	158		6.7	4.4
368.80	Gartmore	183		2.7	21.1
234.20	Gerrard Nat	481	- 7	8.2	13.9
290.10	Govett	396		5.2	5.8
229.00	Henderson Adt	1065		5.3	14.8
431.80	Invesco	164	- 2	2.9	26.9
11.90	Investment Co	43		5.1	13.7
64.80	Ivory Simet	222	+ ½	4.2	17.3
1,970.70	Jardine Strat	208½	- 18	4.6	8.3
21.00	Johnson Fry	140	+ 5	1.4	4.4
17.90	King Sharsant	103		10.9	10.2
163.30	Lon Forfaiting	181		7.2	10.1
72.10	Lon Scot Bk	119		3.8	16.1
727.80	M & G	978	+ 7	3.8	16.9
732.30	MAI	224		4.4	12.2
	MAI 5.6% Cv Pf	88½			
1,257.50	MAM	692	- 37	4.2	16.1
16.30	Nat Home Loan	15¾			
303.60	Perpetual	1150	- 15	3.8	12.4
732.40	Provident	547	+ 8	4.1	17.4
47.80	Rathbone Br	245		4.3	12.1
65.70	Rutland Tst	29½		4.2	13.4
34.80	S & U	295	- 6	4.6	9.6
28.30	Sharelink	168	+ 4	6.7	6.3
297.90	SJP Capital	108½	- 2½	3.5	7.7
275.00	Smith New Ct	440	- 1	2.8	3.7
3,670.10	Swire Pacfc 'A'	398½	- 2½	2.4	
12.00	Towry Law	78	- 1	7.2	8.7
13.80	Ton Hdgs	25		9.5	11.3
24.50	Union	92		6.1	8.5
3.76	Western Selecta	25		1.2	

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,956.80	ASDA Group	67½	+ 1½	3.4	15.4
3,023.00	Argyll	288	+ 6	5.4	11.4
233.00	Brake Bros	456		2.0	18.4
40.70	Budgen	25		5.0	15.9
3.57	Cullens	13½			
1,184.80	Dairy Farm Int	69	- 2	5.3	8.4
80.10	Farepak	354	+ 4	2.9	20.1
101.00	Fitzwilton	40		11.3	
729.10	Fyffes	99	+ 1	1.8	16.9
176.40	Geest	176	+ 5	5.6	
122.90	Greggs	1078	+ 13	3.5	20.2
336.60	Greencore	402	+ 2	3.3	
415.40	Iceland Group	151	+ 2	3.2	9.4
651.40	Kwik Save	550		4.4	9.9
9.77	Merchant Retail	11½			
1,015.00	Morrison (W)	142	+ 1	0.9	18.6
207.50	Nurdin Peack	163	+ 2	5.1	9.0
195.30	Park Foods	123		2.4	24.9
2.10	Regina Hlth	1½			
7,415.20	Sainsbury Jt	411½	+ 5½	3.3	14.5
5,119.40	Tesco	249	+ 5	4.0	12.5
110.60	Thorntons	172		3.8	14.1
153.90	Watson & Philip	363		5.0	14.7

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.80	Alexon	31			
214.40	Alders	208	+ 1	4.1	
1,053.00	Argos Plc	351	+ 2	3.9	18.5
180.90	Ashley (Laura)	77		8.2	
111.30	Asprey	139		6.4	11.5
64.00	Austin Reed	207	- 1	3.3	18.4
63.00	Beattie (J) 'A'	135	+ 2	5.7	17.6
49.90	Bentalls	119		2.1	41.2
52.60	Blacks Leis	61		6.8	5.6
11.10	Blacks Leist	35		8.0	
365.70	Body Shop	193	+ 11	1.4	17.0
4,772.00	Boots	504	+ 7	3.6	16.1
14.70	Brown & Jackson	2½	+ ½		
35.40	Brown (N)	216	+ 1	2.4	19.2
689.80	Burton	68½	+ ¼	3.7	32.1
22.50	Cantors	149		3.4	
180.50	Carpetright	335		3.7	19.7
388.20	Charles Int	177	- 1	1.4	31.3
51.80	Church	480		3.4	24.4
18.10	Clinton Cards	95		6.2	13.8
15.00	City Centre	84	- 2	6.4	24.1
188.30	Courts Furnish	405		8.9	40.9
2.96	Crown Eyel	185		6.8	8.0
283.60	DFS Furniture	272		3.3	
756.80	Dixons Grp	180	+ 2	4.3	20.2
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	380		3.8	27.2

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,562.00	Allied Domecq	540	- 4	5.2	14.6
306.50	Bulmer (HP)	390	+ 5½	3.5	22.5
69.40	Burn Stewart	117	+ 1	5.3	25.7
8,490.60	Grand Met	407	- 2	4.4	18.7
9,076.50	Guinness	450	- 1	3.6	14.8
563.90	Highland Distl	443	+ 1	2.0	30.2
245.80	Macallan-Glen	211		0.7	56.3
79.50	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	685		1.8	29.5
245.60	Matthew Clark	536		4.2	12.5
8.13	Morland Wt	87	- 2	4.7	
165.20	Taunton Cider	151	+ 2	5.7	11.5

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
184.60	ACT Group	99½	- ½	6.6	10.5
927.50	ADT	668	- 5		
16.70	Alphamerit	40			30.5
77.70	Auto Sec	65	+ 1		8.4
948.90	BET Ordt	101½	- 1½	4.2	14.5
37.90	BNB Res	177		3.6	20.7
61.80	BPP	235		4.7	16.8
36.50	BSM	131		6.2	11.1
3.88	Black & Edg	¾			
142.00	Borland	500			
43.40	Brit Data Mgt	178		3.8	
7.59	Brooks Service	63		3.5	
53.20	CRT Gp	79		5.4	19.7
89.50	Capita Group	164		2.1	20.9
802.70	Chubb Sect	287	+ 5½	2.9	17.6
58.30	Compir People	242	+ 7	1.3	55.1
34.60	Corp Services	62		0.5	23.3
19.50	Coutts Consig	58	+ 2	0.9	
245.80	Davis Service	240		4.2	16.1
8.98	Dudley Jenkins	75		5.4	16.6
16.90	EIP Fact	93		6.6	7.0
37.50	El Data Prc	143		1.8	
1,145.10	Hays	289	- 2	2.7	19.3
127.30	Hogg Robinson	183	- 1	5.0	18.0
12.30	Holmes Protecta	26	+ 3		1.7
7.10	Inl Cm & Data	11			5.6
447.40	ISS B DKK	1721½	+ 93¾	6.1	1.8
50.20	JBA Hldgs	152	+ 2	2.0	15.5
113.80	Johnson Clean	230	- 4	5.9	9.3
41.50	Kalamazoo	109	- 1	4.0	12.3
29.00	Kewill Syst	239		3.9	8.8
2.74	Laser-Scan	17			
17.40	LBMS	80			
43.80	Lep	4½			
200.80	Logica	325	+ 1	1.9	22.9
101.00	MDIS	101	+ 4	7.7	7.1
23.10	MMT Compt	205	+ 5	3.2	16.2
61.40	MR Data Mngt	110	+ 4	6.3	
85.00	Macro 4	438		5.7	12.3
1,331.70	Manpower	1790¾	- 21¾	0.2	
118.10	Micro Focus	820	- 10		9.9
48.20	Microgen	102		8.9	10.2
194.70	Mitys	409		2.5	
49.20	MITIE Gp	197		1.4	23.1
19.90	Novo Group	27		0.9	10.4
7.20	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
57.90	P & P	74		3.9	18.4
70.00	Michael Page	117		2.5	28.7
45.20	Parity	126		2.2	38.2
9.39	Pegasus	150		4.2	15.1
5.16	Pennat	107		4.7	
55.50	Proudfoot	70		6.2	12.0
32.50	RCO	305		6.2	10.6
10.60	Radius	38	+ 2	1.2	
12.00	Real Time	171		2.9	13.0
73.20	Reed Executive	143		0.9	
32.60	Reliance Sec	145	- 3	4.4	
2,237.30	Rentokil	229	+ 1	1.6	23.6
62.00	Ricardo Group	140		5.4	17.0
22.40	Rolfe & Nolan	185	+ 8	2.7	28.8
140.90	Sage Gp	674	+ 9	2.0	
789.90	Salvesen (C)	272	+ 2	3.8	14.1
30.40	Sanderson Elect	79		4.5	11.5
76.60	Select App	13½			
378.80	Serco Gp	408		1.1	24.6
166.40	Serco Gp	281		1.6	25.6
4.86	Shered Grp	80			
59.60	Sketchley	93		4.3	15.6
37.00	Sol-Plus	172		8.6	16.3
23.90	Unipalm	148	+ 1		
16.09	Vistect	13		3.8	7.1
10.00	WSP Hldgs	43		5.5	25.2
70.20	Warner Howard	295	- 4	3.3	13.6
11.30	ERA Gp	6			
18.20	Essex Furn	159	+ 1	2.4	
153.50	Etam	234		4.1	13.0
284.50	Fine Art Dev	357		5.1	11.2
3.76	Fired Earth	66			
14.90	Flying Flowers	82	+ 1	1.6	15.9
40.80	Francis Conn	255			10.8
159.10	Frost Group	226		3.0	22.8
12.80	Gieves	58		3.3	20.2
29.20	Goldsmiths Gp	133	+ 8	1.8	23.8
5,442.50	GUS	541		3.1	15.5
43.90	Hamleys	193	+ 7	3.1	18.5
3.74	Hampdon Grp	25		5.0	20.0
409.70	Hse of Fraser	174½	+ ½	3.6	15.7
16.50	Hughes (Lf)	87		4.0	13.1
2,854.80	Kingfisher	443	+ 10	4.2	16
15.30	Kleeneze	110		1.7	
67.90	Liberty	303		2.0	
362.10	Lloyds Chem	298	- 1	4.0	9.5
756.70	MFI	130	+ 6	4.1	16.1
11,096.20	Marks Spencer	388	+ 3	3.0	17.7
278.00	Menzies (John)	500		2.9	12.3
57.60	Moss Bros	339		3.1	13.4
961.70	Next	237	+ 2	3.3	15.8
1.86	OEM	37	+ 1		
23.90	Olivia (G)	95			29.4
17.30	Partridge Fine	78		4.6	10.5
48.70	Pentos	14½	- 2		
61.20	QS Hldgs	155		4.2	17.0
13.40	Rhino Grp	16		3.9	15.2
25.70	Rosebys	130	- 2	4.6	15.2
1,806.50	Sears	110	+ 1	4.2	18.7
68.90	Signet Group	23½			8.1
1,335.60	Smith WH	478	+ 12	4.0	24.7
247.70	Sotheby's	739		3.8	31.5
898.80	Storehouse	216	- 1	3.3	17.7
54.70	Style	188	+ 8	1.8	13.7
195.60	T & S Stores	159		4.8	11.6
64.50	Tie Rack	119	+ 1	1.8	14.1
1.57	Upton & South	4½	+ ½		
3,495.00	Vendome	500	- 5	2.0	38.4
42.20	WEW Group	29		3.0	
8.07	Wld of Leather	67		1.1	
60.90	Wyevale	159		3.6	16.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23,522.00	BT	377½	- 4½	5.7	13.4
8,241.30	Cable Wireless	376	- 9	2.8	15.4
71.40	Fibronic Com	170	+ 1	0.6	57.2
83.80	Securicor	1538	+ 3	0.2	30.1
770.30	Securicor 'A'	1003	+ 1	0.4	24.8
901.00	Security Serv	822		0.9	25.0
6,453.30	Vodafone	212	+ 3½	1.8	27.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.00	Albion	80		5.1	
44.50	Alexdn W	132		5.5	14.1
180.40	Allied Text	517		3.2	15.9
2.77	Allmat	83	- 1	12.2	26.3
1.94	Ashmagic	34			8.6
241.30	Baird (Wm)	208	+ 8	5.3	17.8
4.84	Beckman (A)	38	+ 3	11.6	
131.40	Black (Peter)	238	+ 9	2.3	17.1
11.80	Bridgort-Gndry	116		3.2	9.6
24.40	Br Mohair	184		5.6	18.9
2.60	Carigan	25			
4.59	Cassidy Bros	84		4.1	10.8
81.60	Claudi Prospect	188	- ½	5.0	24.0
166.90	Claremont Gar	309	+ 3	3.0	17.2
1,317.00	Coats Viyella	189	+ 2	5.5	16.4
462.80	Courtauld Text	456	- 3	3.9	20.5
22.80	Dawson	114	- 5	3.3	
168.60	Dewhirst (IJ)	131		1.6	18.5
5.02	Dirkin Heel	41		4.3	12.0
4.59	Drummond	26			11.7
1.77	Ellad	14			
7.94	Faupel	68		9.0	11.5
16.90	Forminster	148		3.8	
2.02	Foster (John)	18	+ 2		
11.20	French (Thmas)	95		4.6	18.8
26.00	Gent SR	72	- 1	3.9	
19.00	Haggas	87	+ 2	4.3	
50.10	Harrisons	15½		2.6	
51.40	Helene Pict	26		9.7	10.7
64.50	Hickling Prsst	234		2.6	16.6
5.33	Honeysuckle	64		5.9	
26.80	Horace Small	86	- 1	1.5	
17.80	Jacques Vert	187		3.0	16.5
4.22	Jerome (S)	56		1.8	7.1
59.30	Jones Stroud	343		3.3	16.4
15.80	Lambert	128		8.7	12.1
102.98	Lamont	342		4.6	11.4
78.00	Leedat	271		2.9	
21.90	Leslie Wise Gp	83		7.9	13.3
5.84	Lyles (SH)	81		5.4	8.4
46.10	Marling	26		3.2	
1.92	PEX	10			
14.08	Parkland	158		4.0	9.4
382.90	Pentland	106	- 1	3.4	21.0
15.00	Pittards	69	+ 2	3.2	
117.80	Readicut	80½		7.1	10.2
9.99	Ramgent	64½	- ½	5.4	6.8
11.70	Richards	50	+ 2	5.1	
2.21	SEET	33	- 1		
93.00	Sherwood Gp	83		4.6	9.6
8.18	Shiloh	140		3.1	8.5
55.50	Sirdar	103		6.6	14.9
47.10	Stirling Grp	54	+ ½	4.5	14.9
34.10	Stroud & Fisher	20		6.2	13.7
15.40	UK Safety	40		8.1	9.8
7.96	Uster (Frank)	115		7.8	8.8
35.90	Vivat	66		2.4	16.9
8.23	Wensure	110		3.3	16.0
25.00	Yorklyde	250		3.1	11.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.59	Air London	63		6.9	12.0
10,190.20	All Nippon Air	706¼	- 6¼	0.3	
1,027.30	Assoc Br Ports	272	- 2½	2.3	21.7
4,838.80	BAA	473		2.3	18.4
171.80	Bedsplits	136	+ 7	3.8	
3,409.30	Br Airways	357	+ 1	4.0	9.7
35.40	Central Trans R	32	- 1		
21.00	Clarkson (H)	94		2.3	23.6
23.20	Dart	151		3.2	14.6
1,262.10	Eurotunnel Uts	284	+ 1		
12.00	Fisher (James)	50			
138.00	Forth Ports	460	- 5	2.1	21.5
82.50	GRT Bus	230		2.1	17.8
56.10	Go-Ahead	168	+ 2	3.0	20.9
107.10	Goode Durrant	199		3.8	15.6
40.20	Intl Shipp	134	- 3	4.1	10.2
20.00	Jacobs (JI)	67	- 2	3.1	
54.80	Lon O'Seas Frtst	75	- 2	6.4	1.7
355.80	Mersey Docks	398	- 2	3.0	19.3
1,184.90	NFC	171	+ 4	5.3	42.3
116.40	Nat Express	291		3.3	16.8
433.30	Ocean Group	281	+ 1	6.4	14.2
27.00	Ocean Wilson	68		5.9	9.8
3,678.30	P & O Dfd	610	- 1	6.2	18.9
115.30	P & O 5.5%	173	- 15	4.0	
22.80	Seacon	92	- 1	3.2	20.9
337.30	Stagecoach	225		2.4	22.2
824.90	TNT	119	+ 3		
313.80	Tibbet & Brtn	710		2.6	18.2
308.70	TDG	209	- 1	3.7	14.0
30.80	Ugland	127		2.4	
32.30	Utd Carriers	95	+ 1	2.1	

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,518.50	Anglian	512½	+ 2½	5.7	11.6
51.00	Mid Kent Hdgst	298		4.9	10.1
2,632.50	North West	542	+ 4	5.5	7.8
687.50	Northumbrian	742	+ 27	4.3	8.0
1,913.30	Severn Trent	530	- 3	5.5	7.4
187.90	South Staffs	1855	+ 10	3.7	11.2
641.30	South West	509	- 2	6.4	7.5
379.70	Southern	578	- 2	5.2	8.2
1,921.50	Thames	464	+ 1	6.0	7.3
369.60	Welsh	660	+ 5	5.0	7.3
753.80	Wessex	392	- 1	5.2	7.8
1,050.30	Yorkshire	523	+ 16	5.6	7.7

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	100⅝xd	- ⅛	11.94	5.88
[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅝	- ⅛	3.03	6.19
[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅞	- ½	10.06	5.93
[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	104⅝	- ½	12.16	6.69
[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	106⅝	- ⅝	13.10	7.16
[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	109⅝	- ½	13.91	7.52
[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	107⅞	- ½	12.36	7.52
[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	101½	- ⅝	9.85	8.06
[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅝xd	- ⅝	12.11	8.17
[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅛	- ⅝	10.07	8.26
[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	100⅞	- ⅝	8.68	8.36
[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	116⅝	- ⅝	12.94	8.53
[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅛xd	- ⅝	9.46	8.57
[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛	- ⅝	7.53	8.66
[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94⅝	- ⅝	7.11	8.50
[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	118⅞	- ⅝	13.14	8.67
[illegible]	Treas 12% 1998	112⅝	- ⅝	12.74	8.56
[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅛	- ⅝	10.85	8.72
[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	102⅝	- ⅝	9.23	8.62

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅝	- ⅝	10.93	8.75
[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅝	- ⅝	9.86	8.67
[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	90	- ⅝	6.67	8.86
[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	103⅝	- ½	3.58	8.70
[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	101⅛	- ½	8.89	8.63
[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	118⅞	- 1	11.01	8.80
[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	105⅝	- 1	9.49	8.82
[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	91⅝	- 1	7.68	8.72
[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	104⅝	- 1⅛	9.31	8.86
[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	96⅝	- 1⅛	8.39	8.78
[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	105⅝	- 1⅛	9.56	8.84
[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113⅝	- 1⅛	10.29	8.96
[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73⅝xd	- 1⅛	4.77	7.46
[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	104⅝	- 1⅛	9.10	8.80
[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅝	- 1⅛	7.74	8.69
4,042	Conv 9½% 2005	104⅝	- 1⅛	9.07	8.77
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122⅝	- 1⅛	10.35	9.84
3,500	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅝	- 1⅛	8.31	8.67
7,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⅝	- 1⅛	8.45	8.75
2,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅝ †	- 1⅛	10.21	9.05
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	98⅝ †	- 1⅛	8.62	8.67
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅝	- 1⅛	10.60	9.04
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	101⅝	- 2⅛	8.86	8.85

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	94⅝	- 1⅛	8.45	8.66
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	103⅝ †	- 1⅛	8.71	8.69
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	103⅝	- 1⅛	8.68	8.58
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅝	- 1⅛	7.45	8.35
5,600	Treas 8% 2013	94⅝	- 1⅛	8.43	8.53
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅝ †	- 1⅛	8.39	8.53
1,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅝	- 1⅛	8.56	8.51
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	129⅝	- 1⅛	9.24	8.73

UNDATED

Stock outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅝	- ⅝	8.47	
475	Treas 2½%	28⅝	- ⅝	8.84	

INDEX-LINKED

Stock outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,250	Treas IL 2% 1996	201⅝		2.56	4.08
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108⅝		2.95	3.82
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	186⅝	+ ⅛	3.36	3.80
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅝	+ ⅛	3.47	3.82
1,000	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	109⅝	+ ⅛	3.47	3.80
1,850	Treas IL 2% 2006	163⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.54	3.80
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅝	+ ⅛	3.59	3.82
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅝	+ ⅛	3.63	3.83
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅝	+ ⅛	3.64	3.82
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.67	3.84
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133⅝	+ ⅛	3.70	3.85
2,336	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.69	3.82
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅝ †	- ⅛	3.72	3.86

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Industries geared to exports tipped for strongest growth

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

EXPORT growth will lead a number of key export-dominated industrial sectors to improve most sharply this year, according to a new economic forecast of industry's prospects out today.

But the forecast also gives warning that jobs are unlikely to follow suit, because of the impact of part-time work and strong rises in productivity.

In the latest forecast on industry and the economy from Cambridge Econometrics, a long-term industrial and economic forecaster, air transport, electronics and computing services are set for the most rapid output growth this year. They are followed by pharmaceuticals, motor vehicles, gas supply, transport services, rubber and plastics, waste treatment and manufactured fuels.

CE says that growth in some cases, such as electronics and motors, will be driven directly by "buoyant" export prospects, while others, such as air and other transport services, have strong links to exports as they respond to the increase in business travel related to growing trade.

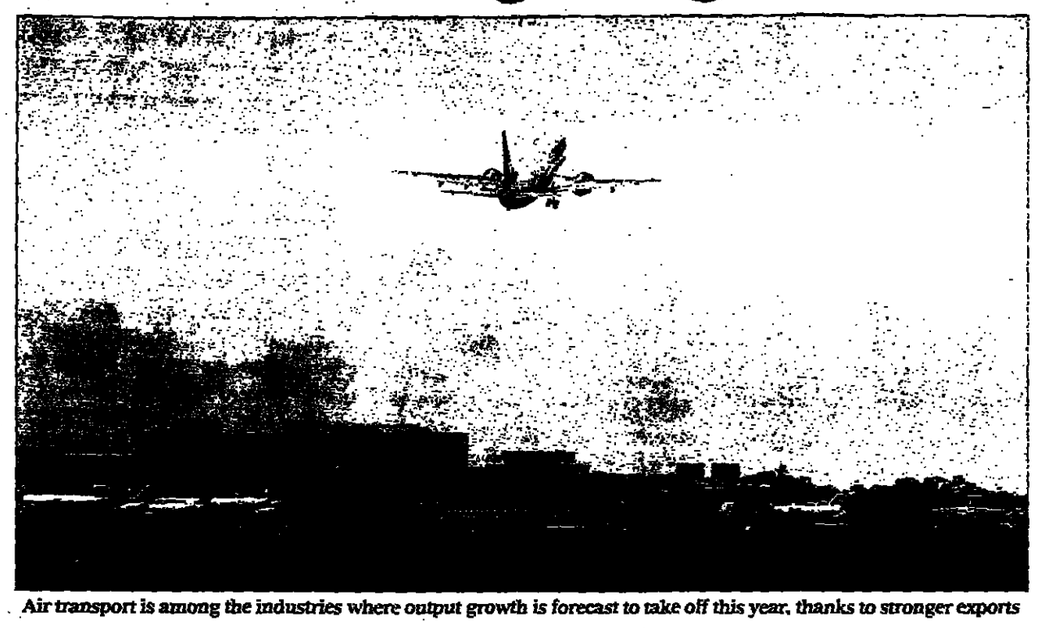
But none of the industries cited as likely to grow most strongly is expected to see the largest growth in jobs. Miscellaneous service industries heads the CE's employment growth list, followed by hotels and catering, and retailing. Others include health and social work, general business services, professional services, paper and printing, education, construction and food.

The lack of overlap with industries set for strong output growth reflects the considerable increases in productivity in some successful industries, with relatively few jobs being created. The top four job-growth industries are all associated with part-time working, and "modest" productivity growth.

While CE says that the presence of business and professional services in the forecast job-growth category indicates a recovery in job prospects in sectors that have been hit in the recession, the absence of an area such as banking and finance is likely to reflect continuing rationalisation.

On the broader economic front, the CE analysis suggests that the continuing profitability of exports will lead to a continuing current account surplus for the economy.

☐ Kate Barker, chief economist at the Confederation of British Industry, says today in a supplement to the CE report that investment by service industries will increase, offering the possibility of a "quite prolonged" period of higher productivity growth.



Air transport is among the industries where output growth is forecast to take off this year, thanks to stronger exports

GILT-EDGED

A political spanner looms over the works

In many ways, the UK economy over the next 12 months will look much like the past year: calendar year growth will be above trend, generally thought to be about 2½ to 2¾ per cent, recorded unemployment rates will fall further, and inflation will remain modest, albeit accelerating slightly from current levels. However, in terms of the impact on the gilt market, there are reasons to believe that the economic background will be much more favourable. If the consensus forecast is correct, growth will be close to trend by the final quarter of 1995.

By the end of the year, the gilt market will be discounting the likely events of 1996, when growth will be significantly weaker. In this respect, it is interesting to note the deterioration in business confidence signalled by the latest Institute of Directors survey.

In spite of the optimism that greeted the gilt market at the start of 1994, events conspired to push long-dated yields up from just over 6 per cent in January to about 8½ cent by the end of December.

However, by the end of 1995, long-dated gilt yields could be closer to 8 per cent. The key to this forecast is a slowdown in the domestic economy, from the year-on-year rates of 4 per cent seen at present, allied with a more stable environment internationally for fixed income products. That said, there is a definite risk that the poor political backdrop in the UK could throw a spanner in the works later in the year.

According to the Bank of England's latest *Inflation Report*, underlying inflation was about 1.2 per cent in September. This gives a more accurate picture of the true extent of inflationary pressures in the UK economy at present than does the RPI, which is distorted by changes in mortgage interest rates and taxes.

Although underlying inflation will pick up during 1995, due to the elimination of the "output-gap", it is unlikely to move much above 2¼ per cent, in spite of above-trend GDP growth. With this in mind, the 6¼ per cent prospective *real* yield available on long-dated gilts looks relatively attractive on a historical basis — over the past ten years, real yields have averaged about 4½ per cent.

John Major will come under pressure to relax fiscal policy

At present, the UK's money markets are discounting base rates of about 8½ per cent by the end of the year, rising to almost 10 per cent by the end of 1996, compared with the current level of 6¼ per cent.

Although this is much more optimistic than was the case one month ago, UK rates are unlikely to rise even this far. Gilt prices are likely to rise once it becomes apparent to the markets that interest rates do not need to rise so significantly.

One area of strength for the economy is likely to be the export sector, given the competitive level of sterling. The UK looks to be moving towards a much better balance of payments position, aided by the continued weakness of domestic demand. Against such a background, sterling can be expected to appreciate, especially against its European rivals. This will add further encouragement to the gilt market in coming months. There are, however, definite risks to this forecast. As we move through 1995, the financial markets are likely to focus increasingly on the timing of the next general election and tax cuts in the next Budget.

With the economy slowing, there seems little doubt that John Major's administration will come under further pressure to relax fiscal policy significantly in November. As a political risk premium is built into fixed-income assets to compensate for this, gilt prices will come under downward pressure. This process is likely to be compounded if sterling depreciates as foreign investors reduce their gilt holdings.

The net impact of the more favourable economic background throughout 1995 and into 1996 should enable gilt yields to finish the year below current levels. Indeed, if the markets perceive tax cuts to be positive for the political fortunes of the current administration, gilt yields should actually fall!

Troy Bowler
International Fixed Income Strategist

Life policy rules come into force

By Robert Miller

THE cost of buying life and pensions policies is set to fall after radical new rules over the way in which they are sold came into force yesterday. For the first time, companies must disclose in a clear and concise manner how much of investors' premiums are taken up by commissions and costs.

Until now it has been common for up to 90 per cent of the first year's premiums to be deducted in commission and other costs. Now, these charges will have to be spelt out to consumers, including the salesman's commission and incidental charges such as telephone calls, medical insurance and product literature. Independent financial advisers will have to declare the commission they will earn. The more competitive life companies have already acted, opting to pay their direct sales forces salaries with elements of commission and bonus, as opposed to the present commission-only system.

They include Barclays Life, Sun Life, Clerical, Medical and General, and Scottish Widows. Other companies are looking to spread the commission costs over a longer period. In the long term, many would like to move to charging a straight fee.

The new commission and disclosure rules also tackle the controversial area of early surrender values of life policies. Until now, anyone cashing in their policy in the first five years was likely to get back considerably less than they invested. Under the new rules, the life companies will have to show early surrender tables covering various points in the term of the policy if surrendered. They must also calculate the possible surrender values on their own charges rather than on standardised figures applied broadly across the industry.

From July 1, these illustrations will relate directly to the investor concerned with a particular policy. The likely outcome of the new rules is that life companies will streamline their complex product ranges and cut charges to attract market share. Almost certainly, some companies will be forced out of business.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Fast growth expected in money supply

BRITAIN'S narrow money supply measure, M0, for December, out today, could jolt the City out of its pre-new year assumption that the pressure for an imminent rate increase has eased.

The M0 figures are expected to show continued rapid growth, with data already issued on banknotes and coins pointing to a year-on-year rise of close to the 7 per cent reported for November.

Concern about inflation arising from the M0 data could be reinforced if the Purchasing Managers' Survey confirms other survey evidence of growing fear about price inflationary pressures.

The Bundesbank's policy-setting council meets on Thursday for its first session of 1995, but is not seen to be under pressure to raise its key rates. The Finance Bill, the proposed legislation for the November Budget and the December mini-Budget, will be published tomorrow.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: None scheduled. Finals: Freeport Leisure, London & Clyde-side, Torex Hire. Economic statistics: M0 figures (December — provisional).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: None scheduled. Finals: None scheduled. Economic statistics: UK official reserves (December).

THURSDAY

Interims: Abbey, Druck Holdings, Reg Vardy. Finals: David Lloyd Leisure, Western Selection. Economic Statistics: New vehicle registrations (DoT) (November).

FRIDAY

Interims: CH Bailey, Cassidy Bros, Savills, Scantronic Holdings. Finals: None scheduled. Economic statistics: Full monetary statistics (November) — including bank and building society balance sheets, bill turnover statistics, lending secured on dwellings, official operations in the money market, sterling certificates of deposit, sterling commercial paper and credit business.

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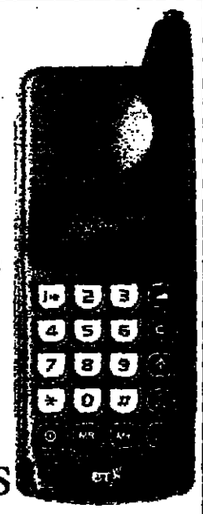
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A new year message from the World Bank



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

For British masochists, the annual *World Bank Atlas* is, these days, a new year treat. Based on income, it regularly shows that Britain is no longer one of the great economic powers. This year, the old country comes 20th in terms of gross national product per head, comfortably the poorest of the Group of Seven. An alternative measure, corrected for supposed differences in domestic purchasing power of money, moves Britain up to 19th, surprisingly just ahead of Sweden. But that still leaves income per head lower than other main Western European economies, except Spain.

These figures are for 1993, so there could be a pleasant surprise in 12 months' time. Continental economies in the places ahead, such as The Netherlands and Italy, did not grow as fast as the UK in 1994. We have clearly been doing some things right. Britain has held its own against other established industrial countries over the past five years. There is no need to panic.

The bad news is that all European Union countries, except Germany and Luxembourg, have meanwhile been overtaken, on the purchasing power measure, by both Singapore and Hong Kong. Equally provoking, at the opposite extreme, is that most of the world is still so far behind. Even allowing for cheaper local living conditions, the income of the average Briton is 3½ times as big as a Russian's, eight times that of the average mainland Chinese and 14 times an Indian's. These are three of the world's most populous and potentially powerful economies. They desperately need to reform and progress. They are not standing still. Nor are medium-sized economies in between these extremes, such as the Czech Republic and South Africa.

The best new year response might be to raise our sights beyond the familiar domestic economic horizon for a moment. Let Eddie George and Howard Davies worry about the niceties of the British economy. They are erratic drivers but should stay on roughly the right road. The rest of us might learn something from what is going on abroad beyond distrusting Brussels or blindly apeing America.

One message from the World Bank's income league tables is that small can be rich as well as beautiful. Singapore says more about this than Hong Kong. Lee Kuan Yew and his disciples aimed to turn the island into the Switzerland of Asia — not a bad ambition when Switzerland and Luxembourg, its EU equivalent, fill two of the top three places. Singaporeans cleaned up the financial system, educated a generation to world standards and created a stable suburban home for regional headquarters. More questionably, and with costly errors, they weaned themselves off the cheap-labour industries that gave them a start, wooing high technology multinational businesses. Only a small economy could be simple enough to do that, to have a mission and to pull all the levers in the same direction.

If the City of London could become a city state, it might soon make the Swiss look poor. But if a British government pulled all the policy levers to promote the City's interest, much of the rest of the economy would go haywire. Many people outside London still suspect something of that sort happened.

By contrast, Scotland and Wales, conceivably Northern Ireland, really could become separate, focused — or at least bifocal — economies within the European Union. Each has a mission of renewal, industrial expertise and cultural drive. Each is compact enough to put its efforts behind a few key sectors of comparative advantage. Indeed, only by becoming centres are they likely to break peripheral financial dependence. True, each also has the historic pride and potential for parochial squabbling to follow Greece rather than Singapore. But if politics permitted, Scotland on its own ought to do as well as Nordic countries and climb up the league.

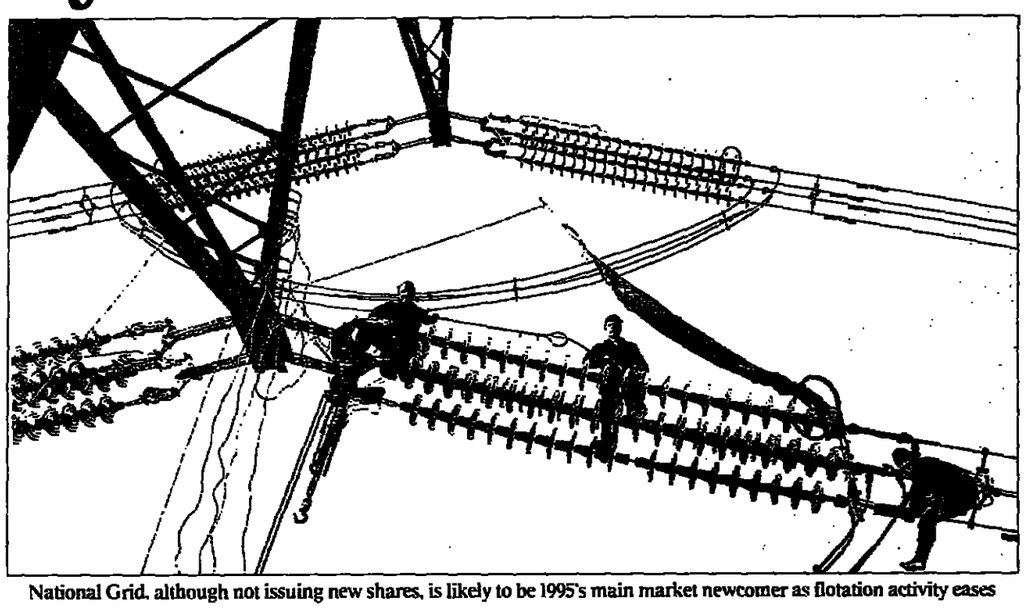
The other message, from both new rich and old poor, is that there is no long-term future for us in relying on cheap labour. Wages are lower in Britain than most of the Community, so we might just as well take advantage to help to attract manufacturers from outside who need a base. They are a lodestar for the economy, replacing zones of decline with expansion and rescuing the trade balance. Would that home-grown groups invested as much, showed such confidence and took such risks.

The attraction of cheap labour can, however, be only temporary. There will always be places with lower wages within the EU. And cheap-labour countries outside it will, seriatim, develop the skills to penetrate its barriers. With luck, some sectors of inward manufacturing will build up the comparative advantage that has attracted overseas banking, insurance broking, publishing, communications and drug companies to Britain.

These are winning industries that the State should promote in Brussels and beyond. They should also be apeing inward investors, by investing more in new, cheaper, centres, not selling out or sticking to mature low-risk economies. This too is happening. Britain now has a world-class process engineering group as well as top drug firms and international media groups. Privatised water, gas and power firms are selling their expertise, even investing, in developing countries. The elements of a high-quality economy are reappearing. Far more needs to be done if those World Bank tables are ever to spare our blushes.

Reality tames new issue frenzy

Bumpy rides have made investors more cautious about market debutants, reports Martin Waller



National Grid, although not issuing new shares, is likely to be 1995's main market newcomer as flotation activity eases

Last year was the year that the pigs refused to be driven to market. Investors stood back after a clutch of well-publicised disasters among companies that had, months earlier, been sold to them bearing the imprimatur of some of the City's most respected names.

This, and queasy market conditions, conspired several times in 1994 to create a virtual buyers' strike, a refusal to take on any more of the flood of companies joining the market.

On the other hand, the wild gyrations of the stock market over the year meant that at times, when the various indices were riding high, the market was highly attractive to new issues. In February, the *FT-SE stood above 3,500: by* June it had plunged below 2,900, investors were getting cold feet and some flotations were being pulled.

While larger issues, such as 3i, the investment group, and BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, had little difficulty in joining the stock market, a number of runners fell at the first hurdle. These included BPC, the printing group, which succumbed to poor market conditions as much as anything; New Look, the fashion retailer, which drew concern that rapid growth could not be maintained; and the brewer Ushers of Trowbridge.

The latter showed the dangers of the rush to go public inspired by the occasional foray by the stock market into previously uncharted territory and rich pickings, therefore, for management and existing shareholders. The brewer and its advisers unwisely tried to paper over the cracks, insisting that the projected loss of a contract to take two thirds of output from next year could be replaced. A more cautious City disagreed, and the float was pulled on December 1, the day the prospectus was due out.

Investors were becoming more canny. They had also had their fingers burned by several issues that have slipped into City folklore for the sheer speed with which a sparkling prospectus and the raising of fresh funds were followed by shame-faced admissions of business failure.

Granted the effort spent in ensuring that prospectuses reflect the truth, with costly lawyers and accountants checking the last nit-picking detail, investors left holding the shares when bad news comes can reasonably feel that the system has failed them.

There was institutional anger at the Aerostructures Hamble saga, for example. This small aerospace components company came to market in June, saved from obscurity only by the presence of Lord King, former chairman of British Airways, on the board. Appointing such a luminary can only have been intended as reassurance to investors; their confidence, however, was misplaced. Two serious profit warnings since June left the shares, sold at 120p, languishing at a quarter of this by the year end.

The story was similar at Canadian Pizza, a food manufacturer, floated at £2 a share in November 1993, which ended 1994 at 70p after a second profit warning, and Coda Group, an accounting software producer worth 235p a share in February and 77p, two warnings on, as 1994 closed.

Any fund manager unfortunate enough to hold this trio begins 1995 with less enthusiasm for flotations. "There has been a fundamental change in the market," says Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG Corporate Finance. "For a while it was possible to float almost anything although it was always a matter of price — if people didn't particularly like it, you reduced the price.

"But now, investors are saying, 'If we don't like the company, we're not going to buy the shares at any price.'"

Several conclusions can be drawn from new issues expected this year. Three are chemicals companies, taking advantage of the upward swing of the world chemicals cycle. Another five have been on the slipway before, but were held back by market conditions or a buyers' strike.

Gardner Merchant, bought out by management from Forte, the hotel combine, for £400 million, conceded in the autumn that flotation at £600 million was not in prospect, and insisted that there was no rush, although figures in the spring would provide an opportunity. Some observers feel that a trade buyer may snap up the company before then.

General Cable pulled the plug in the summer, but will try again, emboldened by the successful float of its larger rival, TeleWest. Martin Retail and Brightreasons, Michael Guthrie's Pizzaland chain, pulled up short in the autumn but have no reason not to return. The return of Oasis, the fashion business, looks more problematical. Clothes retailers are not flavour of the month after the New Look debacle and the travails of Alexon.

Less likely to return for a while are Ushers and New Look. It is one thing to postpone, citing market instability, but if concerns over fundamental problems in the company cause postponement, these can be even harder to explain away a second time.

The main new issue of 1995 is probably also the most secure investment. National Grid is being floated by its 12 owners, the regional electricity companies in England and Wales, not long after another key sale in the sector, the Government's remaining 40 per cent of the two generators. However, the Grid, a yield stock and a natural home for private investors' money, is in no need of fresh funds and is, alas, not issuing new shares. The shares will probably be handed out *pro rata* to existing shareholders in the regional companies.

Fewer small companies are likely this year to risk a float. An important development will be the expected launch in June of the Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market, intended for smaller, high-risk stocks, such as a greenfield venture with no proven record or a bio-tech company still some years from profit. The intention, in due course, is for the AIM to replace the Unlisted Securities Market as the quoted company kindergarten.

The fear is that the AIM will be seen as a second-best route to the public arena and so will not give existing shareholders, such as venture capital companies and management, as high a return as a full listing, in which case it may never get off the ground.

Neil Austin says: "If it doesn't work properly and there is a big discount for companies on the AIM, then there will still be a tendency to push companies on to the full list."

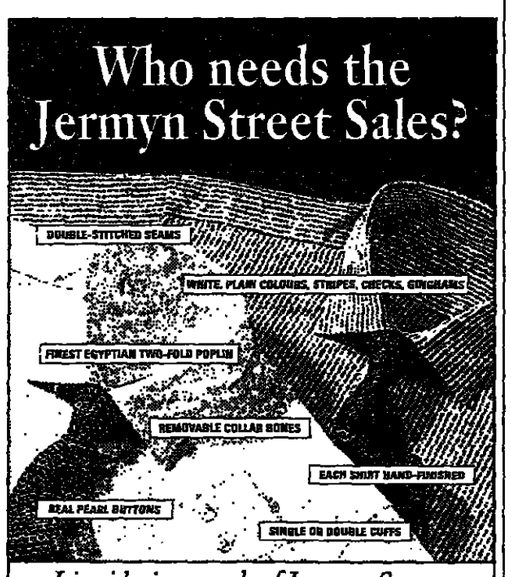
Mr Austin thinks that the new realism will stop 1995 setting records for market debutants, which may mean fewer singed fingers. In particular, investors are fighting shy of companies where families or long-time institutional holders are unloading big chunks of their holdings, and of smaller, speculative stocks.

"Healthy scepticism" is deterring the "more doubtful" new issue activity, Mr Austin says. But he cautions: "Eventually it will come back. People have short memories."

FIRMS EYEING FLOTATION IN '95

		Worth
National Grid	Electricity distribution	£4bn+
Albright & Wilson	Specialised chemicals	£600m
Gardner Merchant	Contract catering	£600m
General Cable	Cable TV and telephony	£500m
EVC	Specialised chemicals	£400m
Brunner Mond	Soda ash	£250m
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Futures shock

FINANCIAL chaos is hardly new to Italy, but some hamfisted traders have managed to set what must be a record. In November, the Milan stock exchange launched an electronic screen-based futures trading system to track the FIB30 index, Italy's answer to the FT-SE 100. The principle is quite simple — you input how much you want to buy and wait for the computer to match trades electronically — but the technology, it seems, has proved too much for some of the exchange's dealers. Faced with an order to buy two futures contracts at 13,500 — the value of the FIB30 index — a dealer accidentally entered instructions to buy 13,500 contracts at a value of 2. The effect was to drive the entire index down to a value of just 2 points — and this has now happened on three occasions. The Milan stock exchange had to declare the trades null and void to avoid forcing two major Italian banks into receivership.

PC technology

SO MUCH for modern technology. One of the first texts to be drafted on the new state-of-the-art computer system belonging to First Financial, the PR firm, was a press release which concerned the opening of an office on the Isle of Man by Greig Middleton, the stockbroker. The draft passed the "spellcheck" with flying colours. However, when it came to the "grammar check", the computer highlighted the word Man and flashed up the warning: "Gender-specific term!" It suggested as possible alternatives "person, human being or individual".

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

Violence, on and off screen

The Violence Files. *Radio 4, 7.30pm.*

Since academics, psychologists, sociologists and criminologists are still divided over what sins we should lay at the door of violent films and videos, the journalist Edward Stourton can scarcely be blamed for not making a definitive judgment. This is the first of his three investigations into the beast in man. His starting point is this series' survey of 1,000 adults whose views were sought on possible links between violence on screen and violence in real life. In themselves, statistics do not prove cases. But when they are put in the scales along with social dilemmas that are well-documented, verdicts such as those offered tonight cannot be dismissed as simplistic. Next week's edition should be even more interesting: the sins of the media will come under Stourton's microscope.

The Otherworld Child. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

David Calcutt is a Black Country man, and it is among the region's rich stock of folk-tales that he has found the idea for his short play about supernatural cause and effect. It is not the first time a folk-tale has inspired a Calcutt play. With a *frisson* of pleasure, I remember *The Daughter of the Sea*. There is no doubt that he has a remarkable talent for reanimating legends in down-to-earth days. His new play explains why a new-born child carries scratch marks all down its face. The veteran actress Mary Wimbush is the attention-grabbing storyteller.

Peter Davalle

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6.00am Paul Coyte 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Locke (Curtain tune in C); Holst (Dances, The Morning of the Year, Op 45 No 2); Massenet (Ballet Music, Le Cid); 8.05 Chopin (Bolero in A minor, Op 19); Delalande (Concert de trompettes. Symphonies pour les soupers du roy); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor, Op 64; Maxim Vengerov; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra)

9.00 Composers of the Week: The Eton Choirbook

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mairi Nicholson. Bach, arr Stokowski (Sheep May Safely Graze); Tallis (Loquebantur variis linguis); Messiaen (Jésus accepte la souffrance; Les anges, La Nativité du Seigneur); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune); Howells (Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing); Arensky (Quartet in A minor); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G); Gubaidulina (De Profundis); Chopin (Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op 44; Ronan O'Hora, piano)

12.00 Music Restored: How traditional French Christmas music transferred to the 18th-century salon (r)

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Stephen Kovacevich, with Thomas Zehetmair, violin, performs Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D; Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica);

2.35 Britten Quartet, with Iwan Llewelyn Jones, piano, performs Schumann (Quintet in E flat, Op 44); Pickard (String Quartet No 2); Brahms (Quintet in F minor, Op 34)

4.10 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No 3); Stravinsky (Symphony in E flat)

5.00 The Music Machine (r)

5.15 The Shellac Show: Jeremy Nicholas introduces music from the 78rpm era

6.00 The Record Producers: The British producer John Culshaw

7.30 Viennese Night at the Proms: London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst, with Felicity Lott, soprano, performs works by Mozart, Johann Strauss, Suppé, Robert Stolz, Lehar and Heuberger. Presented by Paul Guinery

9.00 From Magic to Rationalism: Monarchs. The second of four talks by Ronald Hutton about changes of attitude in Henry Purcell's England

9.20 Harrison Birtwistle at 60: Mary King, mezzo, Peter Hall and Nigel Robson, tenors, Stephen Roberts, baritone, Terry Edwards, bass; BBC Singers; Birmingham Contemporary Music Group under Simon Rattle perform Birtwistle (Fields of sorrow; Meridian); Colin Matthews (. . . through the glass); Stravinsky (Renard)

10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals

11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Barry Wordsworth, with Martin Jones, piano, performs Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 1; Suite, Semyon Kotko)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Billy Buchanan 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Serial Reading 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444

10.00-10.30 News; Starring In Stockport (FM only): John Inman reveals the secrets of pantomime

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Children's Radio 4 (LW only): The Willows in Winter, by William Horwood (5/6)

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: Split Skirt, by Agnes Rossi (1/10)

11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Michael Colle

12.25pm Head Chairman Tim Brooke-Taylor tries to spot the hoaxers among panellists Ray Cooney, Peter Jones and Denis Norden 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: The Otherworld Child. See Choice

2.30 Personal Records: Jeremy Nicholas explores the record collection of Malcolm Williamson, master of the Queen's music, in search of musical and personal revelations

3.00 News; Anderson Country

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Reviews the Taboos, Quentin Cooper and guests discuss how the arts have treated the lust for food and money over the past 21 years

4.45 Short Story: Lowe, by Maeve Kelly. Read by Stella McCusker

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News 6.30 The Luck of the D'Urbervilles: Stephen Tomkinson, Caroline Blakiston and Andrew Sachs star in a Victorian romp

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Violence Files: See Choice

8.00 Science Now: Peter Evans travels back to the Big Bang and forward into the unknown (r)

8.30 The Implausible Spy: The remarkable story of Bernard Durrant who found himself drawn into a life of espionage at the age of 17 during a weekend trip to Belgium at Easter 1939

9.00 In Touch: Tony Berringer presents the magazine for people with a visual handicap

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Phantom of the Opera, by Gaston Leroux (2/10)

11.00 Medicinewise: The year's media coverage of the Prince and Princess of Wales (r)

11.30 The New Europeans: David Lodge meets Catherine Phillips in St Petersburg (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Drama enough without making them clash

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

On paper, it looked like a conspiracy. Hide that rude Andrew Davies somewhere quiet on BBC 2 ("yes Michael, just before *World Darts* will do nicely") and then let fly with both barrels in the evening. No good drama on British television eh, Mr Davies? Take that — *A Mind to Murder* (ITV) — and that — *The Blue Boy* (BBC 2). The controllers strike back.

But on paper, at least on the pages of the *Radio Times*, it also looked like a bit of a cock-up. Having rightly earned a critical savaging for their lacklustre Christmas offerings (and let's face it, lustre was just one of a long list of vital components that were lacking) the BBC and ITV managed to make it two nights running for pitching drama against drama. On Sunday night, it was *Poirot* v *Cold Comfort Farm*. Last night it was Adam Dalgliesh v Emma Thompson. At this rate both networks will have spent their entire 1995 drama budgets by the end of January and we'll all have run out of video tapes.

A possibility, I expect, which will probably make Andrew Davies even angrier. The creator of *A Very Peculiar Practice* and adapter of *House of Cards* is not a happy man, as he made clear in the **Huw Wheldon Memorial Lecture** (BBC 2) to the Royal Television Society. Davies is of the opinion that when it comes to television drama both the BBC and ITV are aiming too low. "Drama should be all about making a masterpiece, not chasing tired old shows downmarket after ratings."

This was one of those very peculiar television occasions. Taking as his title "Prima Donnas and Job Lots", Davies wanted us to be in no doubt as to which category he fell into. Combining a blue silk shirt, a mustard yellow jacket and a snowy white coiffure, he looked... well, he looked like an awful lot of successful, middle-aged men in television do. Very peculiar. His increasingly acerbic comments were interspersed by cutaway shots of members of the celebrity audience, prompting many of them to adopt a worried looking, fixed grin — just in case.

When he wasn't having a go at the powers-that-be at the BBC and ITV or lamenting the obstacles placed in the path of young writers, his basic theme was that "life is far more peculiar than the official version". Paying due homage to the likes of Potter, Bleasdale and, of course, Davies, he concluded that "all the best television drama transcends tele-naturalism". Cutaway to another, suitably unnatural grin.

No one actually burst into song or had a close encounter with a pair of gratuitous nuns in either *A Mind to Murder* or *The Blue Boy*, which was a relief in the former and a bit of shame in the latter. A singing ghost might have cheered Emma Thompson up a bit.

Like *Poirot*, **A Mind to Murder** (ITV), the latest encounter with Commander Adam Dalgliesh, provided further proof that the British film industry is alive and well and living on television. It was beautifully shot, made the most of some beautiful East Anglian scenery and, by and large, was beautifully acted, led by Roy Marsden, playing Dalgliesh for the eighth time.

Now, at this point I had made a note to regale you with some witty observations about one character in particular, an individual of such towering improbability that he or she just had to be a red herring. Sadly, the individual in question turned out to be not so much red herring as red handed (very red handed by the end) so I won't. Far be it for me to spoil anyone's video-deferred pleasure. But here's just one clue: if you think the height of improbability is a paranoid schizophrenic who's a dead-shot with a bow and arrow and knows Dalgliesh's poetry by heart, think again.

The cleverly updated but still somewhat old-fashioned detective tale succeeded despite a serious flirtation with cliché. Apart from a climax straight out of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, my favourites were Dalgliesh muttering: "It's the eyes — there's something about them" and the sausage-roll-munching pathologist's post-script: "One more thing — somewhere along the line she'd had a child."

In **The Blue Boy** (BBC 2) Emma Thompson was not only with child, but also heavy with accent. In one of the more curious casting decisions for a while, BBC Scotland decided that a dysfunctional Glasgow couple would be played by the normally very English sounding Thompson and the normally very Irish sounding, Adrian Dunbar. Fine actors that they are, both lilted with appropriate aplomb. But in a film barely more than an hour long, the suspension of disbelief was not helped by having such well known faces talking in strange tongues.

Writer and director Paul Murton didn't so much flirt with ghost-story cliche as devour it. Strange looks were exchanged, hand-held cameras suddenly started moving from room to room and single notes on the soundtrack were ex-ten-ded until kindly percussionists came tinkling to their rescue. Ghostly flashbacks, of course, were blue.

Of the two principals, Dunbar drew the short straw with the part of Joe, a timber merchant as thick as two of his own short products. Not only did he take his newly pregnant wife to the same hotel he had taken his mistress to a few months earlier, he left enough incriminating evidence around to convince an entire army of Grant Mitchells. Photographs, phone-numbers, mobile telephones — you name it, Joe left it lying around. The only surprise, as far as I was concerned, when he met his inevitably watery end, was the lack of accompanying cheers.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (18574)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18969116)

9.05 Bucky O'Hare (r) (4341406) **9.30 Joe 90.** Puppet adventures of the boy genius (70628)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1105932) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (4516834)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (10864)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7658680) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3654845) **12.55 Regional news** (78046609)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (22262)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91793338)

1.50 NEW **Time Keepers.** Quiz presented by Bill Dod (s) (91797154)

2.15 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966). The Carry On team tackle the French Revolution through the endeavours of the Black Fingernail to rescue members of the French aristocracy from the guillotine. Directed by Gerald Thomas (297512)

3.50 Jackanory. Josie Lawrence with part one of James Andrew Hall's *Fowl Pest* (4363057) **4.00 Willy Fog** (Ceefax) (8220195) **4.25 Grimmy.** A new animated series (6828116) **4.35 The Worst Day of My Life.** The story of a young man embarrassed by his hippy parents (r). (Ceefax) (4909338)

5.00 Newsround (9822932)

5.10 NEW **Grange Hill.** The new first year come in a day before term starts — only there seems to be one extra. (Ceefax) (s) (1957116)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (264390)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (61)

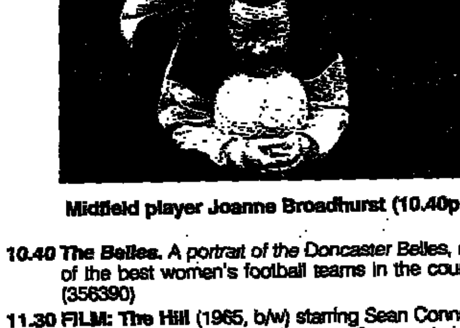
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando visits Florence, Richard Wilson tours the Australian outback on a Harley Davidson, Kathy Taylor goes on a self-catering holiday in Javea on Spain's Costa Blanca and John Pitman catches up with Annie, a seasoned Eastbourne holidaymaker. (Ceefax) (s) (8796)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (45)

8.00 FILM: The Hunt For Red October (1989) starring Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Scott Glenn. Gripping underwater Cold War thriller about the commander of a top secret Soviet nuclear submarine making for the east coast of the United States. Both the American and Soviet fleets go in search of the vessel whose intentions are unknown. Directed by John McTiernan. (Continues after the news) (7393)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1929)

9.30 FILM: The Hunt For Red October continued (9584512)



Midfield player Joanne Broadhurst (10.40pm)

10.40 The Belles. A portrait of the Doncaster Belles, one of the best women's football teams in the country (356390)

11.30 FILM: The Hill (1965, b/w) starring Sean Connery, Harry Andrews and Ian Bannen. Drama about a sadistic sergeant's brutal regime in a North African military prison camp. Directed by Sidney Lumet. (Ceefax) (58680) **1.30 Weather** (8019891)

BBC2

7.05 Silken Lines and Silver Hook (4133406) **7.10 Little Duck Blue Feather** (r) (8483661) **7.35 Smoggies!** (r) (1613661)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8511135) **8.15 Thunderbirds** (r). (Ceefax) (3416715)

9.05 FILM: It's That Man Again (1943, b/w). Farce starring Tommy Handley, directed by Walter Forde (4271338)

10.30 FILM: Half A Sixpence (1967) starring Tommy Steele and Julia Foster. Musical based on H.G. Wells's novel *Kipps*. Directed by George Sidney (98097319)

12.50 The Secret Gardens. Alan Titchmarsh visits Overbecks on the steep hillside overlooking the Salcombe estuary in Devon (68328390)

1.00 Charlie Chalk (r) (13431796)

1.15 FILM: Magnificent Obsession (1954) starring Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson and Barbara Rush. A weepie drama directed by Douglas Sirk (12113406)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Remembering Marilyn.** Lee Remick pays tribute to Marilyn Monroe on the 25th anniversary of her death (4756947) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (2903749)

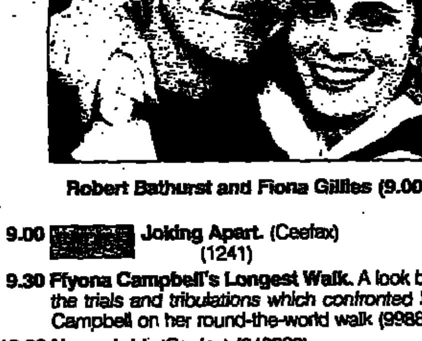
4.00 World Darts. Highlights of yesterday's first-round matches in the Embassy championship (s) (5845)

6.00 Fresh Prince Of Bel Air (s) (371222)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series set in an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (140203)

7.10 FILM: Big Top Pee-wee. (1988) starring Pee-wee Herman and Kris Kristofferson. Comedy in which Pee-wee and his pet pig Vance spring to the aid of the Cabrini Circus performers when a freak storm blows the big top onto his farm. Directed by Randal Kleiser. (Ceefax) (8983767)

8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (4593)



Robert Bathurst and Fiona Gillies (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Joking Apart.** (Ceefax) (1241)

9.30 Ffyona Campbell's Longest Walk. A look back at the trials and tribulations which confronted Ffyona Campbell on her round-the-world walk (99883)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (342222)

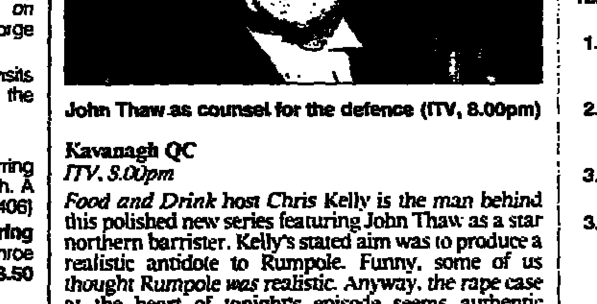
11.15 Weather (187898)

11.20 World Darts. Highlights of the second round of the Embassy world championship (s) (613357)

12.20am FILM: Vigil (1984) starring Bill Kerr and Fiona Kay. Drama about a mother, daughter and grandfather struggling to make a living on a remote farm in New Zealand's North Island since the death of the husband. Changes are afoot when a mysterious stranger arrives. Vincent Ward directs (382075). Ends at **1.55**

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CHOICE



John Thaw as counsel for the defence (ITV, 8.00pm)

Kavanagh QC
ITV, 8.00pm

Food and Drink host Chris Kelly is the man behind this polished new series featuring John Thaw as a star northern barrister. Kelly's stated aim was to produce a realistic antidote to Rumpole. Funny, some of us thought Rumpole was realistic. Anyway, the rape case at the heart of tonight's episode seems authentic enough, as well as being tailor-made to draw a large audience. A classy supporting cast includes Alison Steadman as the supposed rape victim and Geraldine James as prosecuting counsel. Thaw's Kavanagh appears for the defence. But two hours is too long and the proceedings in court are more engrossing than the events off it, which mainly concern our hero's attempts to patch up his rocky marriage.

Joking Apart
BBC2, 9.00pm

Steven Moffatt's comedy of carnal cross-couplings gets a second series, two years after the first. Better late than never, perhaps, particularly if you relish the combination of modern sexual frankness and old-fashioned farce. The show picks up where it left off with Mark (Robert Bathhurst) in pursuit of his estranged wife Becky (Fiona Gillies) who has left him for an estate agent. The centrepiece of the episode is a cleverly choreographed bedroom sequence which would do justice to Brian Rix himself. Trousers fall. Identities are mistaken and characters keep finding themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Moffatt may be trying to say something meaningful about relationships but low comedy keeps breaking in.

UN Blues: The First Betrayal
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A three-part appraisal of the United Nations opens by dredging up an unsavoury episode from the UN's early years. America's witchhunt against supposed communists was at its height. The Hollywood victims of this persecution are well known. Less publicised is the pursuit of Americans working for the UN. Officials with even the most tentative leftist leanings were called before a Senate committee, humiliated and forced to resign their posts. The process took place with the active involvement of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI and with the compliance of the UN's first secretary-general, the obscure Norwegian Trygve Lie. British United Nations veteran Brian Urquhart reckons the UN secretariat never recovered from the purge.

Network First: Plague Monkeys
ITV, 10.40pm (Scottish, 10.30pm)

The dreadful spectre raised by this film is that the entire human race could be at risk from a group of viruses that kill within a couple of weeks. Carried by monkeys, these viruses have so far struck in Germany, in two parts of Africa and in the United States. The American version of the virus is particularly scary, as it can be spread by sneezing and coughing. Reputable scientists appear on the programme to draw parallels with the flu epidemic of 1918-19, which killed 25 million people, and the medieval plague. On the other hand, the few recorded instances have been several years apart and there has been nothing since the American outbreak in 1989. We can only hope that the film is exhuming an old story. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3551715)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game Robbins (4330390) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (2516654)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Daily discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (9622796)

10.35 This Morning (32560609) **12.20 London Today** (Ceefax) and weather (7654864)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7013222)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (7021241) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34493405)

1.55 Vanessa. The chat show hostess discusses pets and partners (Teletext) (s) (85493690) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17425680)

2.50 NEW **Blue Heelers.** Australian drama series about a police force in a country town (6446241)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (5975512) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5974883)

3.30 The Magic House (5927512) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (6208131) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (2808195) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (2769319) **4.15 The Dreamstone** A new series of the fantasy adventure (4876390) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r). (Teletext) (s) (3103883)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (3471898)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (514932)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (143654)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (77)

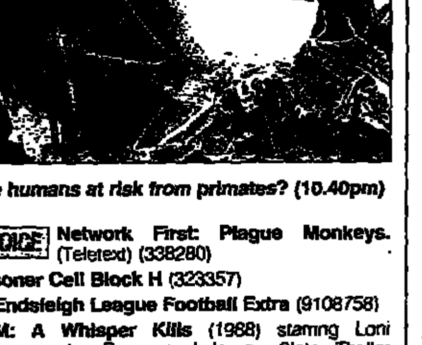
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (57)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (3864)

7.30 Love Story. A true story of love at first sight. Former dancer Liz falls for Greek waiter Michaelis on the Greek island of Lesbos. As their romance blossoms, Liz gives up her home and lifestyle (41)

8.00 CHOICE **Kavanagh QC.** (Teletext) (s) (6067)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (28777) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (430947)



Are humans at risk from primates? (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Plague Monkeys.** (Teletext) (338280)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (323357)

12.40am Endsleigh League Football Extra (9108758)

1.25 FILM: A Whisper Kills (1988) starring Loni Anderson, Joe Penny and Jeremy Slate. Thriller about a serial killer terrorising a California town. Directed by Christian I Nyby II (326636)

3.05 Profile. Kim Appleby talks about the early days of Mel and Kim (s) (19664029)

3.20 America's Top Ten presented by Richard Blade (s) (53898669)

3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (20839)

4.15 Profiles of former Eurythmic Dave Stewart and the Cult (s) (40457487)

4.30 Videofashion. Italian chic (26162)

5.00 Vanessa discusses pets and partners (r). (Teletext) (s) (15568)

5.30 ITN Morning News (92452). Ends at **5.30**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon a Time . . . Life (8567864)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (94845)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (38154)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit. The second of a ten-part fitness series (s) (6353777)

9.45 Evening Shade (r) (s) (343135)

10.15 FILM: Devotion (1943, b/w) starring Ida Lupino, Olivia De Havilland and Nancy Coleman. A biopic of the Brontë sisters and their brother Bramwell. With Paul Henreid. Curtis Bernhardt directs (85406626)

12.10 Rhythmitis (b/w). An early song and dance film starring Lola Green (6795777)

12.30 Sesame Street (32357) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (68843311)

1.55 Forty Million People (b/w). The health problems caused by industrialisation in Britain (87293672)

2.25 FILM: Man With a Gun (1955, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Jan Sterling. Western drama about a gunfighter who arrives in a lawless town in search of his estranged wife and is persuaded to help to rid the place of a ruthless rancher and his gang. Directed by Richard Wilson (2657406)

3.55 NEW **Home Movies.** Archive home movies, rescued from the cellars and attics of the West Country, illustrating the life and times of the early 1920s (3622609)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (54)

5.00 Oprah Winfrey. Oprah looks at how money and the appearance of looking wealthy influences the way people react to you (Teletext) (s) (6545319)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (593375)

6.00 Batman. Batman and the boy wonder battle to prevent Mr Freeze (George Sanders) from taking the Circle of Ice diamond (r). (Teletext) (19)

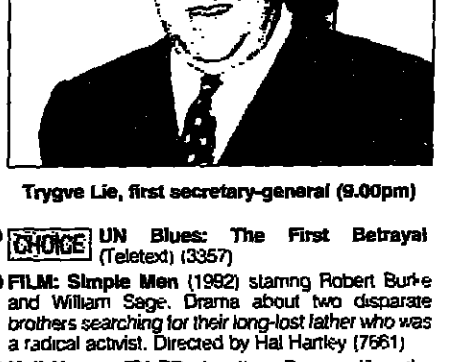
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games magazine. With Dominick Diamond and Patrick Moore (99)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (377680)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (179406)

8.00 Ride on Rides Again. Muriel Gray and Sean Langan review the transport issues discussed in the last series. (Teletext) (s) (8834)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (9661)



Trygve Lie, first secretary-general (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **UN Blues: The First Betrayal** (Teletext) (3357)

10.00 FILM: Simple Men (1992) starring Robert Burke and William Sage. Drama about two disparate brothers searching for their long-lost father who was a radical activist. Directed by Hal Hartley (7561)

12.00 Neil Young: TV EP. Jonathan Demme films the singer in concert (3542988)

12.20 South Central. Tina Clifford stars as the mother trying to bring up her family in inner-city Los Angeles (7131704)

12.55 Blood, Sweat and Glory. A 14-part history of sport, starting by looking at how sport has its origins in hunting, fighting and warfare (r) (9586365)

1.25 FILM: Jack Ahoy! (1934, b/w) starring Jack Hulbert. Vintage comedy directed by Walter Forde (2091278). Ends at **2.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2516654) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7654864) **1.55** A Country Practice (91781593) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6446241) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (5974883) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3471898) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (449086) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (41) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (430947) **1.25am** Film. The Town Bully (Bruce Boxleitner, David Graf, Pat Hingle) (964810) **3.15** The Beat: *The Wonder Stuff* (239162) **4.15** On the Live Side (40457487) **4.30-5.00** Travel Trails (26162)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2516654) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7654864) **1.55** A Country Practice (91781593) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6446241) **3.25-3.30** Central News (5974883) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3471898) **6.25-7.00** *Central* News and Weather (449086) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (41) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (430947) **11.40-12.40pm** Crime Story (323357) **1.25am-3.05** Whispers (326636) **3.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (68990704) **4.15** Jobfinder (5423128) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2405549)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2516654) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7654864) **12.55** Shortland Street (7021241) **1.25** Home and Away (51981777) **1.50** Vanessa (70548749) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (17417861) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6446241) **3.25** Granada News (5974883) **3.30-3.40** The Magic House (5927512) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3471898) **6.25** Granada Tonight (449086) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale (3864) **10.30** Granada News (430947) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (323357) **12.40am** Endsleigh League Football Extra (9108758) **1.25** A Whisper Kills (326636) **3.05** Profile (19664029) **3.20** America's Top Ten (53898669) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (20839) **4.15** Jobfinder (9306617) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (15568)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News and Weather (7654864) **2.25** Wish You Were Here..? (17416932) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7154999) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (5974883) **5.10** A Country Practice (3471898) **5.40-6.00** ITN News; Weather (251951) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (57) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (41) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (430947) **4.15am-5.00** Jobfinder (9306617)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (7654864) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (57) **7.30-8.00** Primetime (41) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (430947)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (91781593) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6446241) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3471898) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (77) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (57) **7.30-8.00** For Those in Peril (41) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (430947) **1.25am** The Town Bully (964810) **3.15** The Beat: The Wonder Stuff (239162) **4.15** On the Live Side (40457487) **4.30** Travel Trails (26162) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (15568)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2516654) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News (7654864) **2.25** Gardeners' Diary (17416932) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; *Weather* (5974883) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3471898) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (44203) **7.30-8.00** *Held in Trust* (41) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (430947)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (91781593) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6446241) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3471898) **5.55** Calendar (708661) **6.30-7.00** Runway (57) **7.30-8.00** Good Advice (41) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (430947) **11.40** Secret Places (502703) **1.25am** The Beat: The Wonder Stuff (2876568) **2.25** Sport AM (6057574) **3.25** Memories of 1970-1989 (2861568) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (2693510)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 *The Big Breakfast* (94845) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (38154) **9.30** Stand Still, Be Fit (6358777) **9.45** Evening Shade Cousin Reachith (343135) **10.15** Devotion (85406628) **12.10pm** Rhythmitis (6795777) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (67154) **1.00** Pal's Puppets (62609) **2.00** Blue Hawaii (953406) **3.55** Terrytoons (5175226) **4.00** Black Cabs (70) **4.30** Saved By The Bell (54) **5.00** 5 Pump - Uned 5 (4970) **5.30** Countdown (26) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (485999) **6.20** Heno (439609) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1408) **7.30** Y Ferch Drws Nesa' (83) **8.00** Gwyn A'I Fyd Bangkok (8834) **8.30** Newyddion/News (9661) **9.00** Y Wisg Sidan (3357) **10.00** Brookside (26319) **10.30** Dim Tatod (97241) **11.30** Elvis: Aloha From Hawaii (61777) **12.30am** Witness: The Making Of An Englishman (14346)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am *DJ Kat* (87364796) **7.45** *The Mighty* Morphin Power Rangers (5456715) **8.25** Dennis (5521241) **8.40** Dynamo Duck (5399375) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (3136244) **9.30** Card Sharks (14086) **10.00** Concentration (8732999) **10.25** *Dynamo Duck* (6007574) **10.30** Candid Camera (61406) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (39932) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (85086) **12.30pm** E Street (85574) **1.00** St Elsewhere (13357) **2.00** *Lace I* (15864) **3.00** *Oprah Winfrey* (9422832) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (3991338) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (6593) **6.00** Gamesworld (5357) **6.30** Blockbusters (6809) **7.00** E Street (7222) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6593) **8.00** The Tommy Knockers: Stephen King horror story (1/2) (54628) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (33135) **11.00** *David Letterman* (589338) **11.45** Chances (557661) **12.45am** Barney Miller (46891) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (43704)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9001425) **5.30** *Fashion TV* (65512) **10.30** ABC Nightline (69048) **11.00** News and Business (37574) **1.30pm** CBS *News* (28593) **2.30** *Those Were the Days* (66932) **3.30** David Frost (7715) **4.00** News and Business (18338) **5.00** Live at Five (4135) **6.30** *Talkback* (7951) **8.00** News and Business (54390) **8.30** Target (96680) **11.30** CBS News (90131) **12.30am** ABC News (58346) **1.30** Talkback Replay (20742) **2.30** Those Were the Days (88891) **3.30** Talking with David Frost (90636) **4.30** CBS News (57384) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (3961574) **10.00 Staying Alive** (1983) (89390) **12.00 American Flyers** (1985) (29067) **2.00pm Morons from Outer Space** (1985) (57715) **4.00 Bon Voyage Charlie Brown** (1980) (66440116) **5.55 Revenge of the Nerds 3** (1992) (16642609) **7.30 Close-Up: Bridget Fonda on The Assassin** (9131) **8.00 Used People** (1992) (49796) **10.00 Universal Soldier** (1992) (396154) **11.45 K2** (1991) (615086) **1.35am Rush** (1991) (392704) **3.30-5.05 Body of Influence** (1992) (371365)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
8.00pm The Lost Continent (1968) (49782154) **7.50 Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes** (1984) (76628609) **10.00-12.00 La Cage aux Folles** (1978) (74932)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Lifeboat (1944) (79357) **8.00 The Little Mermaid** (47135) **9.00 The Emperor's New Clothes** Cartoon (15999) **10.00 It's in the Air** (1938) (87932) **12.00 The Snow Queen** (1993) (27609) **2.00pm Just My Imagination** (1992) (55357) **4.00 The Little Mermaid**: As 8am (35226) **5.00 The Emperor's New Clothes** As 9am (9203) **6.00 The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones** (1987) (35593) **8.00 Kuffs** (1992) (96517154) **9.45 Consenting Adults** (1992) (776241) **11.25 This Is My Life** (1992) (345715) **1.00am House of Cards** (1993) (810568) **2.55-4.45 Hornet's Nest** (1970) (91522461)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS
7.30am Soccer News (1553311) **7.45** WWF Mania (493864) **8.45** Soccer News (9931203) **9.00** One to One (83203) **9.30** *Aerobics Oz Style* (32057) **10.00** WDC World Darts (12203) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (54357) **12.30pm** Football. Spurs v Arsenal (41067) **2.30** WWF Superstars (11406) **3.30** Cricket Highlights. Australia v England (1999864) **7.00** Football Special. Live Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea (27668512) **10.15** Soccer News (662390) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (42390) **11.30** *Cricket. Live. Third Test* from Sydney (5601222)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Rally Raid: Granada-Dakar (91796) **8.00** Figure Skating (85319) **9.00** Dancing (20845) **10.00** Body Building (80680) **11.00** *Rally Raid* Granada-Dakar (58970) **11.30** Eurogoals (58195) **1.00pm** Latin Football (71932) **1.30** Nascar: Goody's 500 (34503) **3.00** Super Stock-Car Indoor World Cup (60715) **4.00** Body Building (49222) **5.00** Eurogoals (94067) **6.30** *News* (7593) **7.00** Eurolci Magazine (95086) **8.00** Truck Racing (4154) **8.30** Rally Raid (3561) **9.00** Boxing (87970) **10.00** *European Snooker* (69086) **12.00-12.30am** News (64617)

SKY SOAP
8.00am *Loving* (2464845) **8.30** Peyton Place (2463118) **9.00** As the World Turns (9205241) **10.00** Guiding Light (4797932) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4798661)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 The Way of Life: Russia (2457932) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (8600067) **1.00** Trailside. Make Your Own Adventure (4711512) **1.30** Cooking in America (8809338) **2.00** California Gold (2279339) **2.30** The Way of Life: Russia (8813628) **3.00** *American Vacation* (7901796) **4.00** Jamaica Week Special (8897680) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8893864) **5.00** Roads to Freedom (2079131) **5.30** Cooking in America (8884116) **6.00** *Australia: From the Outside Looking In* (8618086) **7.00** Venice Special (8679875) **7.30** Caribbean (8894595) **8.00** *Around the World in 30 Minutes* (6679195) **8.30** Jamaica Week Special (7124280) **9.00** Australia. From the Outside Looking In (4032683) **10.00** Roads to Freedom (2468661) **10.30** Venice Special (2484609) **11.00** Caribbean Vacation (7981932) **11.30-12.00** California Gold (8950628)



Sarah Miles in the true story of Lady Caroline Lamb (Bravo, 4pm)

TLC
8.00am *Room Service* (7646777) **9.30** The Roux Brothers (2201203) **10.00** Against All Odds (4936680) **10.30** Only Human (2529932) **11.30** *Psychology* (2761593) **12.00** Extra Dimensions (4136241) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (92880512) **1.00** The Roux Brothers (7905241) **1.30** Room Service (2204390) **2.00** Forty Something (4944609) **3.00** Flowering Passions (6187898) **3.30-4.00** Play Golf with Peter Alliss (7044048)

UK GOLD
7.00am *Blankety Blank* (7915628) **7.30** Neighbours (7994135) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7858512) **8.30** EastEnders (7857883) **9.00** The Bill (7848135) **9.30** Who Pays the Ferryman? (2860357) **10.30** Big *Deal* (2521390) **11.30** *Blankety Blank* (2763851) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7868998) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2214777) **1.00** EastEnders (7914999) **1.30** The Bill (2213048) **2.00** After Henry (7337131) **2.30** *Reginald Perrin* (7034661) **3.00** Knots Landing (2774067) **4.00** Dynasty (2753574) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8758406) **5.35** Top of the Pops. The 1970s (2638932) **5.55** Porridge (7020777) **6.30** EastEnders (7059970) **7.00** Reginald Perrin (9232767) **7.30** George and Mildred (7055154) **8.00** Carry On TV Specials (9037512) **9.00** The Sweeney (9024048) **10.00** The Bill (7869628) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6414845) **11.10** *Naked Video* (5639703) **11.50** *Dr Who* (7340086) **12.20am** Campion (1090278) **1.20** Candid Camera (8875655) **1.50** *Shopping at Night*

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Sesame Street* (9075406) **6.55** Garfield (3211609) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8424796) **7.55** Pugwall (5886777) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6035864) **8.45** Casper (3253319) **9.00** Sesame Street (62845) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (20883) **11.00** Teddy Trucks (17319) **12.00** Garfield (30135) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (89999) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (11135) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (35185131) **1.45** Baby Follies (30135636) **2.00** Barney (3680) **2.30** Babar (7512) **3.00** *Casper* (5949425) **3.15** Gravedale High (330796) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (339067) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (4415116) **4.30-5.00** *Pugwall* (4048)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Denver the last Dinosaur (65135) **7.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (97970) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (91222) **8.30** Rocko (90593) **9.00** *Rugrats* (81845) **9.30** Clarissa (30609) **10.00** Grimmy (56135) **10.30** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (10357) **11.00** *Killer Tomatoes* (38116) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (39845) **12.00** Pee-Wee (54339) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (34425) **1.00** *Doug* (84406) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (33796) **2.00** Denver (7864) **2.30** Smoggies (8086) **3.00** Nick Faves (6999) **3.30** *Dungeons and Dragons* (1113) **4.00** Grimmy (9338) **4.30** Rugrats (8222) **5.00** Clarissa (6116) **5.30** Rocko (9574) **6.00** Doug (9715) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (1357)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm *Nature Watch* (7056883) **4.30** Australia Wild (7052067) **5.00** Compass (6987690) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2220338) **7.00** Pacifica (1032749) **7.30** Terra X (7053796) **8.00** Connections 2 (5737357) **8.30** Voyager — The World of National Geographic (2600334) **9.00** First Flights (2780628) **9.30** The X-Planes (2225883) **10.00** *Discovery Journal* (9025777) **11.00-12.00** Dolphins Home to the Sea (7982390)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM The Battle of the Sexes (1960) Peter Sellers comedy (7460721) **1.30pm** The Donny and Marie Show (2208116) **2.00** thirtysomething (4931135) **3.00** My Three Sons (6082244) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7031574) **4.00** FILM Lady Caroline Lamb (1973) (2482280) **6.00** *Death Valley Days* (7060086) **6.30** Police Woman (2118574) **7.30** Honey West (7040222) **8.00** thirty-*something* (9022880) **9.00** *The Twilight Zone* (2777154) **9.30-12.00** FILM Modesty Blaise (1966). Monica Vitti as the comic-strip detective (2272883)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2997116) **7.00** Gladrags (2990154) **8.00** Health UK (7105390) **8.30** The Truth About Women (7104661) **9.00** Eating Out with John Tovey (4329661) **9.35** Now You See It (7613241) **10.00** *Trivia Trap* (4166390) **10.30** *Susan* Powter (7124425) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3037883) **12.00** Bon Voyage (2691357) **12.35pm** *Kilroy* (2782796) **1.30** Family Matters (4858932) **2.00** Agony Hour (4174319) **3.00** Gladrags (7018390) **4.00** *Infatuation* (5131609) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10348951) **4.55** Delia Smith (2004390) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5111845) **6.00** Susan Powter (5141086) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (5132338) **7.00** Gladrags (7115311) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (5115131) **9.00** FILM Split Image (1982). A psychologist treats a cult follower (8460208) **11.00** Mr and Mrs (7038154) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4162674)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Mouse (4932) **5.30** Where I Live (8628) **6.00** African Skies (102154) **6.25** All Clued Up (129845) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4796) **7.30** My Two Dads (5777) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (16406) **9.00** Moonlighting (29970) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (31864) **10.30** GP (40512) **11.00** Lou Grant (21512) **12.00** *Rhoda* (94425) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (70704) **1.00** Danger Mouse (92100) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (78425) **2.00** *Moonlighting* (38704) **3.00** *Lou Grant* (98181) **4.00** Rhoda (72471) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (80365)

MTV
5.00am Wildside (48723) **6.30** The Grind (94970) **7.00** Wildside (28048) **8.00** VJ Ingo (144999) **11.00** Soul (19777) **12.00** Unplugged with Eric Clapton (60654) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (831628) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8764951) **3.45** Cinematic (8769406) **4.00** News at Night (4427951) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4417574) **4.30** Dial MTV (6406) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (38425) **6.30** Sports (1951) **7.00** Unplugged with Eric Clapton (53635) **8.00** Bon Jovi (45680) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (61593) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (109406) **10.15** Cinematic (197661) **10.30** News (827593) **10.45** 3 from 1 (822048) **11.00** The End? (84241) **1.00am** Soul (41013) **2.00** The Grind (67549) **2.30** Night Videos

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4710883) **9.00** Café (9131845) **12.00** The Bridge (2632999) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4742135) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7655932) **3.30** Into the Music (4245319) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8687116) **7.00** For You (4045357) **8.00** Rock (4021777) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4034241) **10.00** The Bridge (9213715) **11.30** Top Five (6952086) **12.00** The Nightfly (2982162) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (5141617) **3.00** Rock (1415487) **4.00** Ten of the Best (2597079) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (7618655)

CMT EUROPE
Country music for **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Parsian Dawn (61626) **7.00** Asian Morning (64999) **8.30** Bunyaad (23645) **9.00** Gujrati FILM (869796) **12.00** Ghar (55832) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM Aasman (775883) **4.00** Serial Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (5390) **4.30** Serial Yugantar (1574) **5.00** *Jodi Poruthum* (1086) **5.30** Neengal Kaetta Paadal (5154) **6.00** TVA and You (9715) **6.30** Serial: Buniyaad (1357) **7.00** New Music Show (61932) **8.00** Videos (7628) **8.00** News (7628) **8.30** Serial: Zindagi (6135) **9.00** Pakistani FILM Shiaw (933425) **11.30** *Mano Ya Na Mano* (52319) **12.00** Asian Morning (87365) **1.30am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme. Music Box
7.00pm Lady Be Good (1941) (15753796) **9.05 Yolanda and the Thief** (1945) (62755339) **11.05 Fiesta** (1947) (92176425) **1.00am The Stork Club** (1945) (58747471) **2.55-5.00 Lady Be Good** (1941) As 7pm (33788902)

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B 2W TUESDAY JANUARY 3 1995 BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

General Accident to cut bonuses

BY ANNE ASHWORTH PERSONAL FINANCE EDITOR

GENERAL Accident Life will reveal cuts in the bonuses on some of its life and pension policies today. There are no plans, however, to advise home buyers with endowment policies to increase their premiums.

According to a spokesman: "Policyholders should not be unduly concerned over their ability to repay their loans."

Lower inflation and poor investment returns in 1994 are blamed for the cut from 4 per cent to 3.75 per cent in annual bonuses on conventional with-profits policies, which embrace the company's mortgage business. The bonus paid on bonuses already declared in respect of with-profits policies will be held at 6.75 per cent.

GA is the first life company to report its bonus rates, with others expected to disclose similar setbacks. Mike Urmston, the company's chief actuary, said: "There is no escaping the fact that the economic situation has changed."

The bonus on the sum assured in respect of with-profits self-employed pensions (no longer sold) is down from 7.5 per cent to 7 per cent, while the payment on bonuses already declared is also cut half a point to 9.5 per cent.

The impact of falling maturity bonuses on with-profits endowments is shown by the payouts on policies maturing this month.

The payout on a £50-a-month with-profits ten-year policy is cut from £11,065, (representing an annual yield of 11.8 per cent in 1993) to £10,388, for an annual yield of 10.6 per cent. Holders of 25-year policies fare better, with the payout on a £50-a-month policy falling from £110,639 (annual yield 13.6 per cent) to £108,052 (annual yield 13.5 per cent).

Bonuses on GA's newer unitised with-profits policies have been held, with the annual bonus on life policies remaining at 7.5 per cent. The unitised with-profits pensions bonus rate is 9.5 per cent.

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Maurice Saatchi severs links with agency

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

MAURICE SAATCHI, doyen of the UK advertising scene, has decided to reject the overtures of Saatchi & Saatchi's directors, who will be informed early today that he intends to sever his links with the agency he founded.

Mr Saatchi told *The Times* yesterday: "I have decided to say no." His "no", to a board led by Charles Scott, chief executive, which ousted him as chairman last month, will be delivered with measured panache. Mr Saatchi has, in his words, "prepared a short memo". The memo, to Graham Howell, the company secretary, consists of two short sentences and reads as follows: "Please inform Mr Herro that I do not accept his offer. It was kind of him to consider me for the position."

Mr Saatchi's sarcasm reflects his view that Mr Scott and his co-directors have effectively handed backdoor control of Saatchi & Saatchi to David Herro, a Chicago-based fund manager.

Mr Saatchi refused to comment on whether he planned to set up a rival agency to the global combine which he founded with his brother, Charles, in 1970. "I am taking one step at a time," he said.

Speculation has been rife that Mr Saatchi and his brother — currently considering his own position — may open a boutique agency. This is now perceived as unlikely. Mr Saatchi, a passionate proponent of "global" advertising, is thought to be more interested in the possibility of joining forces with another international agency.

During a marathon eight-hour board meeting last month, Mr Saatchi resigned as chairman and a director of the agency. Saatchi & Saatchi's directors offered him an ongoing role as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide, the company's principal operating subsidiary. He was also offered a 50 per cent salary increase to £300,000 and the title of joint president (alongside Charles) of the parent company. Mr Saatchi said that he would "consider his options" over the holiday period. The agreed deadline expires today.

News of Mr Saatchi's decision to walk is expected to impact unfavourably on Saatchi & Saatchi's share price when trading resumes this morning. Late last week, the quote rallied 5p to 149p on incorrect rumours that the Scott/Herro offer would prove acceptable.

Anxiety is mounting over the prospect of account defections in view of Mr Saatchi's close connections with several major clients. Mars, the privately controlled US confectionery combine, pressed Saatchi & Saatchi's directors not to force Mr Saatchi's resignation. The company has now launched a review of its $1 billion worldwide advertising spend, while Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, may follow suit.

British Airways has stayed its hand pending Mr Saatchi's decision. Sir Colin intervened during the marathon board meeting to inform non-executive director Sir Peter Walters, former chairman of BP, that support for Mr Herro's controversial proposals, including the dismissal of Mr Saatchi, was not as strong as had been claimed.

Mars's billings are estimated at $400 million, to yield revenues of some £30 million. BA's billings of around $125 million, contribute approximately £6 million to revenue. The combined £36 million revenue from these two accounts alone would outstrip Saatchi & Saatchi's entire pre-tax profits, estimated by City analysts at £32 million for 1994.

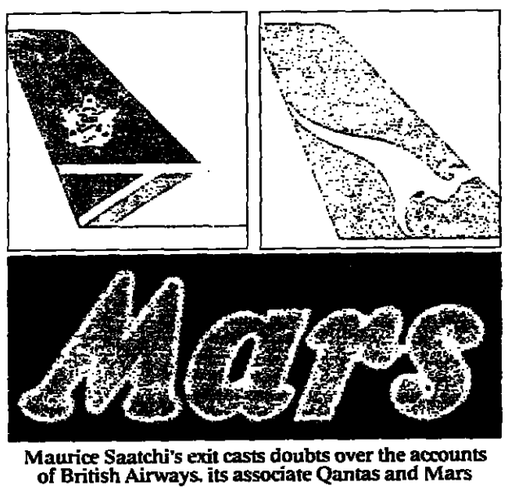
Should BA switch its advertising account, there is a strong possibility of similar action by its Australian associate, Qantas. Saatchi & Saatchi's hopes of capturing US Air's advertising appears to have suffered a setback. Mr Saatchi is also closely associated with Procter & Gamble, the US detergent and toiletry combine.

Controversy continues to surround the December 16 board meeting at which Mr Scott and his co-directors bowed to all the proposals put forward by Mr Herro of Harris Associates, holder of just under 10 per cent of Saatchi & Saatchi's equity. Mr Herro claimed support from more than 40 per cent of shareholders, although Sir Colin's eleventh-hour telephone call to Sir Peter was made in order to inform the board that he had discovered that General Electric of America's pension fund, a sizeable shareholder, had decided to distance itself from the rebellion.

Sir Peter and Sir Paul Girolami, former chairman of Glaxo, are rumoured to have considered resigning in support of Mr Saatchi, but are believed to have been advised against this by Saatchi & Saatchi's lawyers.

In the event, Mr Scott went along with Mr Herro's strategy and the board — temporarily chaired by deputy chairman Jeremy Sinclair — intends to propose a change of name to shareholders.

Mr Saatchi enjoyed a three-year contract, which indicates possible compensation in the region of £600,000.



Maurice Saatchi's exit casts doubts over the accounts of British Airways, its associate Qantas and Mars


Maurice Saatchi: prepared a two-sentence memo of refusal

Record surge in new issues set to fall back

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

LAST year was a record one for companies coming to the stock market, with more debutants than ever before and more money raised. However, turbulent market conditions suggest that the new issues lists will have a quieter 1995.

Figures from KPMG Corporate Finance show that 238 companies joined the market last year, raising £10.4 billion. Of these, 15 came to the Unlisted Securities Market, the junior market, now no longer taking entrants.

Neil Austin, KPMG's head of new issues, said that British companies had a more positive attitude than for several years.

The total of debutants for 1994 compares with 173 in 1993 and 70 in 1992. Most of 1994's new issues came in the first half, before the stock market's descent gathered pace.

Mr Austin conceded that the year had seen problems, with a few newly floated companies making profit warnings.

However, he argued that this should be put in context, saying: "Most small companies have a lower spread of risk and are more prone to fluctuations in performance. It is part of their attraction — they offer higher rewards, but with greater risk. People forget that for every £25 million company that turns into a horror story, there is another one where people double their money or more."

Floating a company to raise fresh funds and to let existing shareholders take some cash out has become increasingly popular in the past decade. Of full listings, the 1993 total of 163, although 60 behind last year's, is well ahead of annual totals since 1985. The figure exceeded 100 only in 1986 and 1987.

Mr Austin accepted that market instability meant that institutions were becoming more cautious about new issues. "A more rigorous assessment by potential investors must be good for the future of the market," he added. "Good companies deserve a good price. Some have suffered in the backlash from the problems experienced by a few."

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Builders see strong pick-up in orders

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE building industry gave warning today against further interest rate rises, at the same time suggesting that construction orders, especially for industry, are picking up strongly as the economy recovers.

While the latest forecasts from the construction industry still strike a note of concern about housebuilding and purchase in the wake of higher interest and mortgage rates, the growth of factory building provides a significant indication of the strength of the recovery in the economy.

Sir Brian Hill, president of the Building Employers Confederation, says in a new year message that the slow and gradual recovery in construction output over the past 12 months looks set to continue this year.

Although last year saw the first rise in construction output for four years, he said the estimated increase of 2.5 per cent was from a very low trading base and expectations of improved trading conditions evident last spring did not fully materialise, particularly in private housing.

Sir Brian feared that recent increases in interest rates and mortgage rates would continue to affect confidence among potential homebuyers. He said: "The last thing the construction industry will wish to see is any further rises in interest rates in 1995."

Most business leaders expect rates to drift up gradually, especially if higher raw material prices or wage settlements persist.

Sir Brian said changes to mortgage interest tax relief and income support payments for mortgages announced in the Budget will also put further restraint on house sales and will slow growth in the housing repair and maintenance sectors.

The BEC says the increase in output in building for private industry could be as high as 10 per cent.

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Fraudsters at work — and how to spot them

BY JON ASHWORTH

THERE has never been a shortage of guides aimed at helping managers to stamp out fraud in the workplace. Indeed, some accountancy firms have carved a profitable niche business in this area — KPMG Peat Marwick with its fraud barometer and Pannell Kerr Forster with its case studies and booklets.

The ultimate aim is to promote their specialist services — teams of investigators that can go into a company and sniff out malpractice. But there is plenty of entertainment for casual observers along the way.

Pannell Kerr Forster recently released a video dramatising what happens when the Inland Revenue investigations unit calls. One is left under no illusion about the draconian powers the inspectors have at their disposal, down to the right to march into your living room and hunt for personal documents in front of your wife and the family pets. Not to be outdone, two experts at KPMG Forensic Accounting have published a book devoted to fraud, be it money laundering or computer hacking. *Fraud Watch*, by Ian Huntington and David Davies, offers a feast of anecdotes for anyone interested in the darker side of office life.

It provides tips on how to spot the office fraudster. Beware the finance director who keeps his door closed, or has his office soundproofed. Be suspicious of managers who ply their staff with champagne.

Fraud may come to light for all manner of reasons. A solicitor defrauded 19 building societies of £4 million and spent lavishly on his two mistresses. He had two houses in Florida and a villa in Spain, and drove a Jaguar and a Cadillac. The fraud came to light when one mistress found out about the other and blew the whistle.

Then there were the workers at a leading car manufacturer who stole £2 million in spare parts by taping components to their bodies, safe in the knowledge that union rules forbade body searches. The parts were pooled and sold to the public in bogus manufacturer's packaging.

In one case, three British Rail managers took bribes from a garage owner worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, including foreign holidays and cash, in return for awarding vehicle maintenance contracts.

In another, 11 officials at a government agency were treated to cash, foreign holidays, callgirls, home improvements and clothing in return for lucractive contracts.

The book is jammed with tales of false billing and circular money flows. Even the common curriculum vitae rates a mention. An individual who had served a four-year prison sentence for obtaining property by deception bluffed his way into a job as a marketing director after submitting a bogus CV and references. Showing similar bravado, a minicab driver bought the honorary title of Lord of the Manor of Newham and used its pulling power to raise £2.5 million in mortgage loans, helped by, among others, a solicitor, a former magistrate and a mortgage broker.

Basic controls can be put in place as a deterrent, but they need to be supported by a sound company culture. An autocratic management style will make it more likely for transactions to slip through the net, simply because the boss cannot be bothered with detail.

Low morale can pose problems — unhappy staff are less likely to operate controls effectively — and there is a danger in too much red tape. Staff may take short cuts, making it easier for the determined fraudster to have his way.

Fraud Watch, £45, Accountancy Books, 399 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 2HL.

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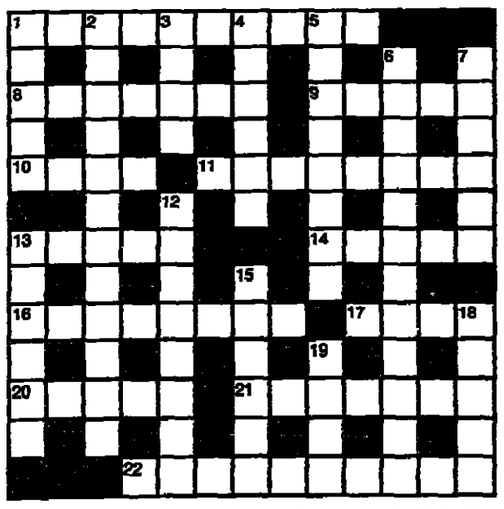
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 359

ACROSS
1 Make over-hasty start (4,3,3)
8 Roundabout routes (7)
9 Feeling: perception (5)
10 Plant stalk: stop (flow) (4)
11 Arise suddenly; make an escape (5,3)
13 The bread of one baking (5)
14 Split apart (5)
16 Curious; remarkable (8)
17 Make from wool (4)
20 Inebriated (5)
21 Sprout: flourish (7)
22 Disgraced: in trouble (2,3,5)

DOWN
1 Betrayer (5)
2 Native language (6,6)
3 Unofficial ticket seller (4)
4 Make certain (6)
5 On a higher floor (8)
6 Disturbing to one's plans (12)
7 Church/yard caretaker (6)
12 Compressed in size (8)
13 Next to (6)
15 Panda food (6)
18 Piano adjuster (5)
19 Carrion bird: exult (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 358

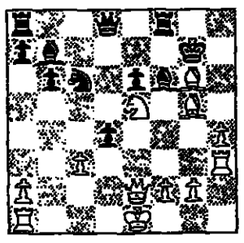
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DOWN: 1 Sated 2 Handful 3 Mecca 5 Putty 6 Needle Abide with me 8 Terror 14 Misfit 15 Heading 16 Copper 18 Spell 20 Anger 21 Limit

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine — Koenig, Vienna 1922. White has a winning attack, but what is the most direct way to end matters.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CONY
a. A blind pony
b. A dandy
c. A fur hat

FIDATE
a. A common shrub
b. A chess term
c. A Royal Yacht sailor

UCKERS
a. A board game
b. A chewing gum
c. A rubber plant

SPRUIK
a. To jump excitedly
b. To interrupt
c. To deliver a speech

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